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Uefa says

FA has

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World

Cup fight

ADAM FRESCO AND JOHN GOODBODY

THE Football Association se-

cured the support of John Major and Tony Blair in its

battle with Germany to host the 2006 World Cup, although it should have known two years ago that it was already a

Uefa, football's governing body in Europe, said yester-day that it was astonished the FA had submitted a bid to host

the lucrative event when it knew Germany had their full backing as long ago as 1995. They sent a fax to the FA at the

weekend saying it "had al-ready committed itself to sup-

porting Germany". English officials maintained

last night that they knew nothing of this arrangement, describing Uefa's conduct as astonishing, undemocratic and entirely unacceptable. However, Sir Bert Millichip, their man of the Education of the Educations.

chairman of the FA until last

summer, was present in Las Vegas when Germany first publicised its bid in June 1993 — and he was also vice-

president of Uefa at the time of

the Fifa congress in Chicago in

June 1994 when, according to Uefa, its executive officially

backed Germany for the 2006

World Cup. It was widely known that the German bid

had Uefa backing. Gerhard Aigner, the Uefa

general secretary, said yester-

day from his home in Switzer-

land: "It seems unfortunate

that a former vice-president of

UEFA [Sir Bert] should have forgotten that he was present at meetings, in 1993, 1994 and

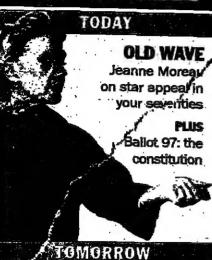
1995, all of which endorsed the German candidature for

He added: "You start to

wonder about the reasons -

lost cause.

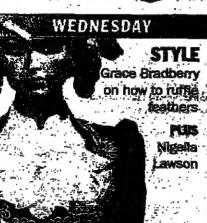
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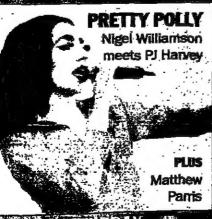
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FRIDAY



D-Day for early poll TORY strategists have carmarked forced into an early election February 22 as "D-Day" — the final date on which John Major can go for a March election if the party faces a crushing defeat in the majority. We must not be kicked out," said one senior Tory.

Tories set

Wirral

Wirral South by-election.
Allies of the Prime Minister who are heavily involved in election planning have argued that he should be prepared to abandon the Wirral contest only days before it is due to take place and call an

immediate General Election for March 20. They fear that a severe reverse in Wirral—the writ for the February 27 contest is being moved in the Commons teday—would have a disastrous impact on the already strained morale of Conservative

The last day for deciding on whether to cancel the by election is February 22 — a Saturday according to the strategists, who

Sir George Gardiner will meet lawyers today to try to overturn the decision of Reigate Conservatives to deselect him.

have dubbed it "D-Day" at Conservative Central Office. Election advisers have been instructed to be available for consultations with the Prime Minister throughout the day after the Tories receive the latest intelligence on the Wirral

The option of "pulling" the Wirral poll, where the Tories are defending an 8,000 majority, is being actively canvassed at the highest levels of the Government. Private polling has already sug-gested that the Wirral campaign is

Senior Tories, including Alastair Goodlad, the party's chief whip, fear that in the aftermath of a bad defeat in Wirral, the Ulster Unionists would forsake Mr Major completely and be prepared to support Labour in a confidence

In those circumstances, the strategists told The Times yesterday. Mr Major would be better advised to call an election on his own terms rather than being forced from

Mr Major has long been known to favour May 1, and still does. Even those who are canvassing the D-Day scenario would prefer to go to May I if at all possible. They believe Mr Major has the best chance of winning the election if he can soldier on.

But they admit that the worst possible option would be to be through the loss of a confidence vote. "It is a question of holding morale. It is about whether this whole thing implodes. We are very vulnerable because of the loss of

Some senior Party officials believe the effect of being forced into an election by the loss of a confidence vote could cost the Tories up to 10 seats.

John Prescott, the Deputy Labour leader, said yesterday that the Labour Party election machine was on an alert for an earlier poll than expected. Mr Prescott, speaking on BBC television's Breakfast with Frost, said: "I think what we have got to do is put the election machine on a footing for March 20. That is precisely what I have

done with my colleagues."

Mr Prescott, who will be campaigning in the Wirral today, said:
"I think just as they get near to that election date in the Wirral they will call it off and announce a general election, and therefore they won't have that indictment which will come on the 27th if they allow it to take place."

He said the Tories liad given up governing. "It is a phoney govern-

Mr Prescott's gibe came as private. Tory party research shows that Labour is heading for a morale boosting Wirrall victory. The Tory Party high command has sent Tim Collins, a former director of communications and party candidate - who is one of Mr Major's most closest aides - to the constit-uency to assess the situation. Mr Collins, who has been there for more than a week, has produced a bleak assessment of party prospects.



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Lloyd Webber faces \$12m Cats claim

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A BROADWAY theatregoer is suing Lord Lloyd Webber and his associates for \$12 million (£7.5 million) "damages" after she was selected by a Cats actor for some audience participation.

Evelyn Amato, 31, filed a lawsuit in the New York state supreme court which claimed that she was attacked by David Hibbard, who was playing Rum Tum Tugger in the British composer's hit T.S. Eliot musical. The script calls for Rum Tum to get an audience member on to the stage and mime romantic interest in her. Alas, he chose Miss Amato, an unemployed

Although Oxford dons leave the

university payroll at the age of 65,

they remain members of faculties

until 75. Until November 1995, that

was enough to confer the right to

vote. A total of 180 people lost the

right to vote in Congregation when

office clerk with a disappointed smile, strawberry blonde fringe and purportedly maidenly sensi-bilities. "He grabbed my wrists and tried to lift me out of my seat," complained Miss Amato, extending her own painted talons to portray Rum Tum's claws. "I told him 'ask somebody else'. Then he grabbed me again and again I said

An insistent Rum Turn mounted the arms of her near-front stalls seat, tousled her hair and started to gyrate his hips and wave his tail in

alley cat manner. "He was Continued on page 2, col 4

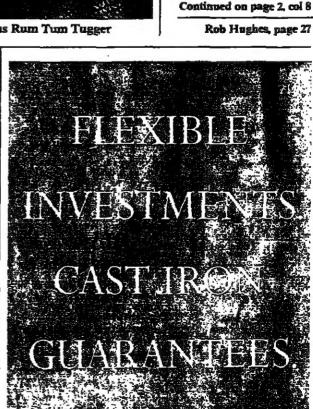
The Archers' creator dies

Godfrey Baseley, creator of The Archers, the world's longest-running radio soap opera, died in hospital in Bromsgrove, Worces-tershire. He was 92. The programme, intended to be a farming equivalent of Dick Barton, was launched in 1951 Pages 3, 23

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Oxford's old guard triumph

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR Principal of St Anne's College, that ing the university administration WINSTON CHURCHILL, Pin the

Elder and even Applus the Blind have been called in evidence to support moves to allow Oxford dons to go on participating in the university's affairs to the age of 75. A number of venerable academics were surprised to find themselves disenfranchised when Congregation, the dons' partiament, discussed the university's proposal for a £40 million business

school. New regulations imposing a retirement age of 65 for membership of university committees and Congregation had gone through almost unnoticed the previous

Last week the old guard staged a devastating counter-attack, rout-

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"those who make our laws should in a full debate on the subject. At be affected by them* fell on deaf an unusually well-attended meeting of Congregation, dons voted by ears. She said it was not unusual for academics to retire at 55 and 75 to 12 to restore the original retirement age of 75. continue to influence the universi-Thomas Braun, of Merton Collty's development for a further 20 years while working elsewhere.

ege, said: "In 1940, it was just as well that a retiring age had not been enforced to prevent Mr Churchill from being a parliamen-tarian. He was 66. Pitt had waged a campaign against the war with America in the House of Commons until days before his death at 69, while the aged Appius had to be carried into the Senate on a litter to urge the Romans to resist Pyrrhus. The university council's argu-

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The university council has called a postal ballot of all dons over the next three weeks. The result will be ment, advanced by Ruth Deech,

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the regulations changed.

By Stewart Tendler and Richard Ford

THE Royal Ulster Constabulary should consider drafting in police officers from England and Wales during serious rioting in the Province, according to a Home Office

Officers from the 43 forces in England and Wales would be flown to Northern Ireland to provide relief at times of large-scale street disorders, particularly during the mar-

The proposal is made in a report which points out that many RUC officers were on duty for five days without proper rest during last July's disturbances begun by the Orange parade at Drumcree

it also found that many men and women deployed to deal with the widespread disorder had been inadequately trained, were in unprotected vehicles and had protective equipment of a lower standard than their counterparts in England and Wales. As a priority, flameproof overalls must be provided for officers. the report states.

Colin Smith, one of Her Majesty's inspectors of constabulary, says that the RUC must maintain its capability to respond to serious public disorder. He says that recent disorders and the extreme pressure on officers indicated that the RUC should consider aid from elsewhere.

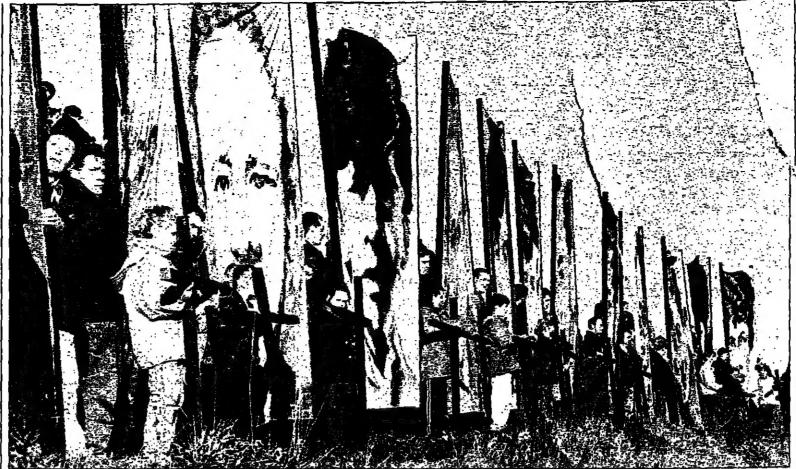
His report says: While deployment of officers from England and Wales poses operational difficulties and raises political issues, the trish Sea is no barrier to mutual

ago as the 1960s was provided by air transport between

Under the 1994 Criminal Justice Act, United Kingdom police officers have the power to operate across internal borders, the report states. The most recent example was last summer when officers from London were helped by those from Bedfordshire when riotdefeated England in the semi final of the European football championship. Similar opera-tions occurred regularly during the miners' strike and during inner-city riots in the

Although the report au-knowledges the dedication of rank and file officers, it is implicity critical of senior officers. It says that while they may have considerable publicorder experience, it "may not always be recent". It recommends that a proportion of senior RUC officers attend public-order training courses in Britain where they could learn different skills and tactical options and assess their outside the Province.

Mr Smith's recommendation is a reflection of concern that too few RUC officers are willing to widen their experience by accepting secondments or transfers to forces in Britain. The report of a full inspection of the RUC by Her stabulary is critical of the way the RUC approaches public order planning and strategy. It demands continuous research in developing tactical



Relatives bearing crosses and portraits of the victims yesterday traced the steps of marchers killed by the Army on Bloody Sunday in 1972

THOUSANDS marked the 25th anniversary of Bloody Sunday yesterday by retrac-ing the steps of the 13 undead by paratroopers in Londonderry (Nicholas Watt

Relatives of the victims carried crosses with the names of the men who were shot dead by soldiers from the Ist Battalion, The Parachute Regiment on January 30, 1972. Demonstrators had been protesting against the introduction of internment. Thirteen men died at the scene and a fourteenth from from his wounds six months later. John Hume, the local MP

Inquiry call as thousands remember Bloody Sunday

and leader of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, described Bloody Sunday as "the most traumatcitizen in the city". He reiterated his call for the Government to set up a new inquiry into the shootings to examine evidence which challenges the conclusions of the official inquiry, conducted in 1972 by

Lord Widgery.Lord Widgery

paratroopers' claims that they opened fire in the Bogside after IRA gunmen shot at them when they marchers. However, a new book claims that soldiers opened fire from Londonderwalls. undermining claims that soldiers opened

fire in self-defence Mr Hume said: "I knew many of the people who were killed and I know that they were totally innocent. Indeed John Major has told me in a of being armed with either guns or bombs. It is my intention now to get together all the new evidence with the families and take it directly to the Prime Minister."

Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, will use a

to call for a new inquiry.

An Irish Government

spokesman said yesterday: There are compelling arguments for looking at this again to put an end to this unhappy chapter."

☐ Gerry Adams yesterday de nied claims by a former IRA cossibility of murdering John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, in 1982. Scan O Callaghan, who was a senior member of the IRA in the 1980s, said Mr Adams discussed "how to deal" with Mr Hume in the year after the

'Stitch-up' protest to Uefa grows

Continued from page 1 England for Euro 96, and announced at that time its own intentions towards the 2006

World Cup."
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unitil after 1948 with rita, football's world governing body, the king the final decision in 2000, 'Uefa's support carries a lot of wayight.

Steve Do. Tole, a spokesman for the FA. Imphatically denied the FA kings. Uefa were backing Germany. The we had why immediately after Euro 96 did we start bidding for the 2006 murnament?

2006 tournament?"

His colleague, David Davies, added: "We have no communications from Uefa as evidence of an attempt at a England's bid from receiving proper consideration. The at-

tempt will not succeed. support of both Mr Major and arrangement between Uefa and Germany a "cesy stirch-up". The Prime Manister is helping to launch the £10 milion campaign to stage the event with a lunch at Downing. Street, on February IZ the day England play Italy in a World Cup qualifying game, bring-ing together 25 of the games

great and the gold. A Government spokesman yesterday reiterated their support for the bid. A Labour party spokesperson said: "Our position has not change. We fully support the FA and w? do not accept the game is over until the final whistle."

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Britain might have to join euro in 2002, Cook says

ROBIN COOK strongly hinted yesterday that a Labour government would join a European single currency when it became legal tender in shops on the Continent in 2002. It was the clearest signal from the Shadow Foreign Secretary that Labour would be prepared to abolish the pound.

But Mr Cook delighted Labour Euroscentics when he reiterated his doubts about Britain signing up in the first wave on January 1, 1999. His remarks on joining the second wave in 2002 were seized on by Tory MPs as evidence that Labour was secretly wedded to the end of sterling.
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chapter of the Maastricht Treaty, which they argue could cost 500,000 jobs. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will unveil a poster showing a lion and claiming that the Tories stand up best for Britain's interests.

In a speech in Brussels on business competitiveness tomorrow, John Major is to underline the Government's opposition to the social chapter and contrast it with Tony Blair's vision of a "social Europe". He will list the advantages of Britain's shift to a deregulated economy.

Speaking on ITV's Jona-than Dimbleby programme yesterday. Mr Cook said that 2002 was the "milestone" by which one would have to

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goes ahead and it succeeds, in other words, it is stable, then you cannot stay out." The retail phase began in 2002, he said. "I think it would take a very sober and serious calculation to stay out beyond 2002," he said.

Mr Cook restated Labour's doubts over signing up in the first wave by January I, 1999. Mr Cook said: "In the short run, you can hold a position of being outside the single currency. Probably half the countries in the EU are going to be outside in the first wave even if that first wave does start in 1999, which is doubtful."

He also raised the possibility of a Blair administration using the EU presidency in the first half of 1998 "to hold the decide whether to go in, if the

Germany, pushing ahead to wards a twin-track Europe. But he cited Toyota, who have suggested that inward

investment would suffer if

Britain stayed out of the euro. Mr Cook suggested that a Labour government could lead other countries in "a positive alliance" of more scentical nations against France and Germany. The six-month British presidency of the EU was a crucial opportunity to "mobilise" the support of smaller countries. It might be possible to shift the focus from removing border controls and havcommon immigration

policies to the reduction of EU

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Continued from page 1 shouting boom, boom, said

Miss Amato, clutching herself

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Tory spin-doctor aims to trip up Labour in Wirral

THE Conservative Party has dispatched one of its most trusted troubleshooters -- and a rising political star — to Wirral South to lay booby traps in the path of new Labour.

It is a sign of the importance attached by Tory Central Office to the unwanted byelection on Merseyside that Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, has drafted Tim Collins

into the front line. The prospective parliamentary candidate for Westmorland and Lonsdale should be nursing his constituency but today he will be pulling the strings behind the campaign launch by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

Few Tories believe that they can cling on to the seat, held by Barry Porter with a major-ity of 8,183. Mr Collins's job is to harry and harass Labour at every turn to ensure that it does not inflict such a humiliating defeat that voters go to the polls in the general election with a stirring victory for Labour still fresh in their

minds. Mr Collins, 33, is an experienced and formidable opponent, who began his career as a spin-doctor as political ad-viser to Michael Howard while he was Employment Secretary and moved to Tory public relations.

During the last election he masterminded John Majors battle-bus campaign -- seen as a textbook operation for its lack of gaffes, but lacking in drama. He was rewarded with the job of Director of Communications under Sir Norman Fowler and later a post in

the No 10 policy unit.

Mr Collins, a graduate of war studies at the London School of Economics, looks like Harry Enfield playing a computer nerd, an impression bolstered by his obsession with Dr Who, Star Trek and

Thunderbirds. He eschews expensive restaurants with Lobby journalists, preferring a junk food snack, preferably with a briefing paper to peruse. He does not drink.

He has developed a formidable political brain, which can "number crunch" political scenarios and come up with a counter offensive at speed. After a political controversy has died down, it is often the sulphurous words, whispered anonymously by Collins, that stick in the mind.

During the party leadership election Mr Collins, a Major



Collins: will harry and harass at every turn

lovalist, described John Redwood and his supporters, Teresa Gorman and Tony Marlow, as looking like a swivel-eyed, barmy army from ward eight at Broad-

After Wirral South, Collins should be able to hold on to Westmorland and Lonsdale with ease. His main problem does not require a spin-doctor to identify. The Liberal Democrat who

has stood in previous elections is also called Collins," said Mr Collins. "For the last two elections the Conservatives have gone around saying Don't, whatever you do, vote

Gardiner tells lawyers to contest deselection

Sir George Gardiner will meet lawyers today to try to overturn the decision of Reigate Conservatives to deselect him as their official candidate at the general election. Senior Tories, led by Sir Marcus Fox, the chairman of the 1922. committee, led the barrage of calls for Sir George to accept

Thursday's decision gracefully. But a senior local Tory said last night: "If he mounts a potentially lengthy legal challenge we may end up having to accept him by default as the election is now only weeks away." Conservative Central Office, which has washed its hands of Sir George, 61, a long-standing critic of the Prime Minister, insists that the local party acted within the rules.

Labour tightens child sex list

Residents could be told when convicted child sex offenders move into their neighbourhood under Labour proposals to tighten up a government plan to provide greater protection to young children. Local education authorities, schools, charities and voluntary organisations would also be informed when a person in their district is put on a policeheld paedophile register.

Parties use Commons clashes

John Major and Tony Blair's clashes at Prime Minister's Questions will feature in the election campaign. Tory and Labour election strategists are to take advantage of a littleknown change in the rules to use footage from the Commons chamber in election broadcasts. The rules on the use of film material from the Commons was relaxed last year. MPs will have to consent to footage of them being used.

Asylum laws condemned

An Anglican bishop who arrived in Britain as an asylum seeker has spoken out against the "unnecessarily harsh" asylum laws. Ugandan-born Dr John Sentamu, Bishop of Stepney, who fled Idi Amin's dictatorship in 1973 after he was imprisoned and severely beaten on a false charge of treason, said bogus claimants had made things difficult for genuine asylum seekers.

McKellen wins film trophy

Sir Ian McKellen's neo-Fascist interpretation of Shakespeare's Richard III won best film trophy at the Evening Standard Film Awards. Best actor was Liam Neeson for Michael Collins; best actress. Kate Winslet for Sense and Sensibility and Jude, best screenplay, Emma Thompson for Sense and Sensibility and John Hodge for Trainspotting. Peter Sellers award, Mark Herman for Brassed Off.

Mensa's brightest son
Jordan Powell, 7. is believed to be the youngest person in Britain to achieve the maximum score in a Mensa intelligence test. Jordan, from Neath, West Glamorgan was awarded 178. Potential members need 140 points to join. adults often score as low as 85 and rarely exceed HS points. Jordan said passing the test had given him the confidence to pursue his ambition to join the Bar.



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Briton's new life in South Africa ends in murder

A BRITON who emigrated to start a new life in South Africa six months ago was murdered as he prepared to celebrate the news that he was to become a

Stuart Gaskell was shot twice in the head yards from his wife and mother, who had been bound and gagged before being dumped in the back of an empty truck by four armed robbers. Police in Cape Town believe Mr Gaskell, 26, knew his killers and may have saved his relatives' lives by not identifying them.

Mike Barkhuizen, investi-

gating officer with the Cape Peninsula murder and robbery unit, said last night: "We believe he was scared that if he addressed the robbers he would put his pregnant wife in danger. That is why we believe he did not plead with his killers."

Mr Gaskell's wife Estelle 25, and his mother, Sheila Parks, from Burnley, Lanca-shire, who was on holiday with the couple, heard two shots as he was shot in the head "execution style". His body was found soon after by a colleague outside the truck rental company where he worked in an industrial park

The robbers had disappeared with a truck-load of toasters and fridges worth



Gaskell: police believe he knew his killers

about £30,000. The women were found after alerting police by banging on the side of the truck. Police said Mr Gaskell's wife and mother had agreed to meet him after work on Friday night at about 7.30pm to go out to celebrate the news that they were ex-pecting their first child.

The women told police that on arriving at the company they were accosted by lour men with two firearms. Mr Barkhuizen said: "At this point Mr Gaskell was alive. He had been tied up and gagged and was sitting down. The women were forced to liedown while the robbers ransacked the premises. They were then bundled into the back of an empty truck and locked up in the dark. They heard a scuffle outside and

before a car sped away." Mr Barkhuizen added: "Mr

Gaskell's wife had at first gone into the building to let her husband know she was waiting for him. When she failed to return to the car, his mother also went to look for them." Police said the women had remained locked up for about an hour before being released by police.
There was no sign of a

struggle. We suspect Mr Gas-kell knew his killers, perhaps men he used to work with, who had inside information about the industrial park.
"We believe he was killed

because be could identify them. He never spoke to the men and we believe he was scared that if he identified them he would put his wife and mother in danger of being killed as well." Police in Cape Town and

Mr Gaskell's employers, Val-ue Truck Hire, are offering a £6,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers,

The couple had been mar-ried in Cape Town in 1993 while on holiday with Mrs Gaskell's mother and stepfather, who have lived in Cape Town for several years. The Gaskells decided to moved there permanently last year after Mr Gaskell was lured from Britain with the promise



Girl, 10, moves listeners in drama on dying

By Alexandra Frean

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl's radio performance as a terminally ill child has moved so many listeners that the BBC is to repeat the hour-long monologue less than a month later.

More than 200 called or wrote to Radio 4 after hearing Spoonface Steinburg, in which Becky Simpson played a seven-year-old dying from cancer. A spokeswoman for the station said: "We cannot remember ever having so many calls from listeners thanking us for a drama, begging us to repeat it or asking if they could buy it on

Spoonface is the nickname of a fictional Jewish girl with autism who comes from a broken home. After learning that she is terminally ill, she tries to come to terms with the meaning of life and death. Her hospital consultant introduces her to opera and she divas who have glorious stage

After the consultant tells Spoonface about the Nazi concentration camps, she discovers inspiration in those who die with hope and spirit unbowed. It helps her to approach her death with

Becky, a pupil at Manchest-er High School for Girls, said that although she thought the play was "extremely sad" the first time she read it, after talking about it with her

parents she realised that it had a positive message.

"Children are different from adults in the way they see things," she said. "They don't always try to pretend things are not happening. Spoonface did not try to buck the idea that she was dying. She faced up to it and went

forward with it. "I tried to imagine what it would be like to be her. It taught me how to be brave and how to approach everything that comes to you and that you should not be frightened."

Becky, who has featured in three other radio plays, spent two days recording the dra-ma. Kate Rowland, the director, and Lee Hall, the writer. allowed her to change passages that she found difficult or unrealistic. Becky said: There were some words in it that were not the words of a

seven-year-old."

Hall said that although he was concerned about writing such a potentially traumatic role for a child actress, he felt that Becky had handled it brilliantly. He wrote Spoon-face Steinburg as the last of four plays about children's experiences of life and death. The first, I Love You Jimmy Spud, won the 1996 Tony Radio Award for best writes and is being filmed.

□ Spoonface Steinburg will

be repeated on Saturday, February 22, at 2.30pm.

Founding father | Midweek lottery of The Archers dies aged 92

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

GODFREY BASELEY, Creator of the world's longest-running radio soap opera. The Archers, died yesterday in hospital in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. He was 92.

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Mr Baseley, who never lost touch with the Archers production team at the BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham, will go down in broadcasting annals as the creator of one of the most enduring, significant and pop-

ular radio programmes ever. Vanessa Whitburn, the programme's editor, last night paid tribute to the man whom she described as a gifted broadcaster and friend. "He created a programme that has become a national institution. Millions of listeners are hugely indebted to him for the pleasure it has given them over the last 46 years."

Ms Whitburn recently commented that Mr Baseley, who retired in 1972, was in favour of the more modern and racier plot developments she had introduced into the rural soap. "And if he didn't like anything he was never slow to let us

know," she said.

Mr Baseley, descended from a long line of farmers, was an agricultural pro gramme maker at the BBC when the programme was conceived. The idea came out of a meeting he held in 1948 with a group of farmers' leaders who said they wanted to hear a farming equivalent of the Dick Barton detective programmes. The Archers was launched in 1951. As well

as entertaining it aimed to inform farmers about new techniques and to boost food production in the post-war era. The audience soon exceeded that for Dick Barton, reaching nine and a half million at the beginning of 1953. By this time the inhabitants of the lictional village of Ambridge had become a nat-ional institution.

· A men bomt in Mi Bas career came on September 22, 1955, when he arranged the death in a fire of Grace Archer, one of the leading characters. The episode was broadcast as a spoiling tactic on the launch night of ITV. The ruse worked and the episode attracted eight million away from the new television

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curtails viewers' right of reply

THE BBCI Points of View is to be cut in half from Wednesday to make way for the first midweek lottery draw. Anne Robinson, who has hosted the programme for almost ten years, said she was outraged and joked that she would run over time and take charge of the Nine O'Clock News.

She said: "We're just going to stay on air so that when the. news comes up at 9pm viewers will see me fighting with Peter Sissons, [1] move into the news studio and broadcast through the news! Seriously, though, I am devastated, but hopefully there will be some extra time found for us." Ms. Robinson, 52, from Crosby, Merseyside, has been shifted from her usual 8.50pm slot to make way for the National Lottery Live. The lottery currently has a draw on Saturday but from Wednesday will also host a midweek draw, starting at 8pm. The inclusion of the live draw leaves little space for Points of View, which has been on air since June 14, 1966. The programme will start live minutes later, at 8.55pm, fin-

O'Clock News. Mary Whitehouse, founder of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, said the BBC was not taking the opinions of its viewers and their rights seriously. She said: "Cutting Points of View demonstrates that they just don't care. It's a great pity. Viewers get little enough time on air to voice their views about pro-

ishing in time for the Nine

grammes." About 30 million people, or 65 per cent of the adult population in the UK, play the National Lottery each Saturday. Half also watch the draw on television at Spm on Saturday. Camelot, the lottery organiser, is hoping for similar viewing figures for the 15minute programme on Wed-

nesday nights. The company originally announced plans for a mid lottery in addition to the Saturday night draw last Ocment with the BBC that the corporation would broadcast a midweek lottery draw if Camelot decided to run it.

Camelot predicts that the introduction of a second draw will reduce the average Satur-day jackpot from £10 million to £8 million. The Wednesday jackpot will be about £4 million. The highest jackpot in the lottery's two-year history came last June when three people won £42 million. The BBC argues that there

is plenty of time for viewers to express their views, both on radio and television. But a spokesman said that, as with all schedule changes, the time allocated will be reviewed in the future, The first midweek lottery

draw will last half an hour, 15 minutes longer than usual, and special guests are to include the singer Michael Ball and the Olympic gold medallists Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent.

Leading article, page 21

Scientist scores over the bookies

SCIENCE EDITOR

A STATISTICIAN at Lancaster University has come up with the gambler's dream, a foolproof method of taking money off the bookmakers.

Mark Dixon admits his technique cannot match the man who last week won nearly £300,000 from Ladbrokes by successfully predicting the results of 13 football matches but over a season or two

it will turn in steady profits.

The only problem is that users of the method, to be published in an academic journal, need a degree in statistics to understand it and a powerful computer to make it work.

The method relies on analysis of past results to predict future ones more

accurately than the bookmakers can. They do it around a table, using experts to discuss each match and come up with the odds for a home win, an away win, or a draw, and they do it very well," Dr Dixon says. "But our method, over a long period, is slightly better."

The slight edge is enough, on average, to turn a £10-a-week bet on selected matches into £12 — a 20 per cent profit. But the punter using it would have to persevere, as it cannot guarantee profits

every week, only over a long run. Dr Dixon's method assumes that each team in the Premiership and the Football League has certain parameters, such as attacking and defensive ability, that can be measured by feeding past results into the computer program. The program contains data covering about two seasons'

does not add to the accuracy of the predictions. The program predicts the chances of a home win, away win, or draw for each of the weekend games; then compares these with the odds being offered by the bookmakers.

In maybe two to three matches out of more than 40 every weekend, the computer predictions show that the bookmakers are offering more generous odds than the data justify, and a bet is placed on that

Dr Dixon has not actually placed any bers, since the process would be time consuming and he is a researcher, not a punter. But comparison of actual results with the bets picked out by the computer program show that it would have turned a profit if pursued for long enough.

Sun, sand and privacy for Captain Phillips as he marries in Hawaii

ANGELES AND ALAN HAMILTON

CAPTAIN Mark Phillips and Sandy Pflueger were married at the weekend against the backdrop of a Hawaiian sunset half a world away from Westminster Abbey, where the groom wed Princess Anne before a global television audience in 1973.

After exchanging vows overlooking the Pacific Ocean from a lavish beachfront estate owned by Miss Pflueger's father, the couple joined about 100 guests at a black-tie reception in his grounds on Saturday evening. The Queen's first son-in-law and his new bride, also a leading

and publicity minimal for the simple ceremony that has made them the talk of the international three-day eventing circuit. Miss Pflueger, 47, was born and raised near Honolulu, where her millionaire father

James is a prominent busi-

nessman. Few locals were

among the guests, however.

equestrian, kept security tight

han eventing teams, and from the American team which Captain Phillips, 48, now manages. Entertained by a traditional

Hawaiian band, the wedding party danced into the night in a marquee set up within earshot of the breakers that pound the reefs off Waikiki beach on the south shore of the island of Oahu.

The bride's father, a former

Most were said to be friends two lucrative car dealerships, from the British and Austra- owns property reportedly owns property reportedly worth \$6 million (£4 million) near Diamond Head, the Cannes of the Hawaiian chain. He also operates a private helicopter.

His wealth, much of which Sandy is expected to inherit, has prompted strong rumours of a pre-nuptial contract which Captain Phillips was reportedly obliged to sign. But the existence of a contract has not been confirmed by racing driver who now runs either family; discretion, in-



Beach wedding: Sandy Pflueger and Mark Phillips

the weekend. "Wedding? What wedding? I'm here for a holiday," one guest said as he joined a whale-watching trip on Saturday morning. He and some 20 others also attended a low-key dinner on Friday evening at the Dia-mond Head home of Nancy Pflueger, the bride's divorced mother.

Miss Pflueger met Captain Phillips through her riding and has been married once before, to the British dressage judge Stephen Clarke. Though still a frequent visitor to America, she became a British citizen last year. In the 1980s she bought a

home, stables and 250 acres at

Chilton Foliat, near Hungerford, Berkshire, from the pop singer Justin Hayward Friends are uncertain where the couple will live and wonder whether the new Mrs Phillips, who is due home on Saturday will urge Captain Phillips to give up his home at Aston Farm, near Gatcombe, and distance him-







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By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

MORE than 800,000 children under 12 are forced to make their own way home in the dark every day after school because their parents cannot afford childcare, according to a report published today.

Research commissioned by the Daycare Trust shows that there is only one childcare place for every 50 children. With the annual cost of private care approaching £3,000 a child, the result is a growing number of "latchkey kids".

The trust says that costs rose by 42 per cent between 1991 and 1994. A family with two young children and an average income would have to devote 20 per cent of its budget to childcare. As a result, almost half of all working women rely on relatives, part-ners or friends to look after their children after school. Colette Kelleher, the trust's

director, said: "We have a deeply unfair system which means that unless you can afford very expensive child-care your child cannot have the same access to services as wealthier parents. These children are at a vulnerable age to be left to their own devices."

There are fewer than 700,000 regsistered childcare places for Britain's six million children under the age of eight, the report says. Ms Kelleher said: We are at the bottom of the childcare league in Europe and for a rich country we should be doing much better."

Children with full-time working mothers are twice as likely to fail examinations than class-mates whose mothers work part-time, according to research released today. A study of 600 families by North London University found that a quarter of children whose mothers worked full-time left school without any GCSEs. This fell to 11 per cent for children whose mothers worked part-time.

CORPECTION

ing the obituary on Saturday of José Ignacio Domecq was, in fact, that of his eldest son. We apologise for the error.

Now British balloonists reach for the stars

Open gondola will carry two men 24 miles above Earth

By Andrew Pierce

TWO Britons are planning a does not go above 60,000ft, televised voyage into space in the biggest hot-air balloon to of 85,000ft. be built. Per Lindstrand, 47. and Colin Prescot, 46, will attempt the trip into the stratosphere 24'2 miles above Earth

in an open gondola. The gondola will be suspended beneath a 538ft helium-filled balloon more than three times the height of Nelson's Column. The crew will be dressed in cosmonaut suits made by Zwezda, the Russian company that designed the space suits for the Soviet space programme. The ascent will last about three

When they reach the target altitude of 130,000ft a smaller balloon equipped with a re-mote-controlled video camera will be floated into space from the gondola. Huw Hudson, the director of the Oscarwinning film Chariots of Fire, will make a film of the silver balloon floating at the edge of

Mr Prescot said: "We don't want to miss a thing. We want to send back the images of the century. We are attempting the forgotten feat: the original race into space."

The 4.5-tonne balloon, which will be launched in. Britain, will spend several hours suspended above the curvature of Earth in midnight-blue sky, with a 250,000 sq mile view of Europe spread out below like 2 relief map.

A Lear jet will accompany the aviators to 50,000ft. At 130,000ft they will be in uncharted territory: Concorde

It will be one of Mr Hudson's most dramatic films. The lack of atmosphere will cause the belium to expand and the balloon to increase in width to 275 times its size.

Mr Lindstrand, who designed and built Richard Branson's Virgin Challenger and was in the crew when it tried unsuccessfully to circumnavigate the globe, and Mr Prescot hope to capture a world record that has lasted for 36 years. In 1961 two American naval commanders reached 113,000ft in a balloon. The two men involved separately in the last two attempts

never returned.

Mr Lindstrand is flying today to the United States for his first meeting with officials of the space agency Nasa, who are giving free technical ad-vice. Talks have started with a series of sponsors who will underwrite the £2 million cost. Mr Lindstrand and Mr

Prescot, the chief executive of Flying Pictures, Europe's largest commercial operator of hot-air balloons, have begun a training programme under the guidance of the Swedish · Force Institute of Mr Lindstrand, who holds

distance, duration and alti-tude balloon records, said: The space suits are the key to our survival. At 130,000ft our blood will boil instantly and the human body explodes. Nothing can go wrong with the suits. The suits cost £155,000 each and weigh S0lb.



Colin Prescot must wear a space suit for the trip: without it, blood would boil instantly and the body explode at the balloon's target of 130,000ft

The men will be encouned inside fabric and will breathe

If the fabric tears at up to 50,000ft, the wearer will have seven seconds of consciousness before the loss of oxygen causes the blood to begin to malfunction in the suit will cause death. If one of the men dies it has been agreed that the other will abort the mission. The suits are the only item in the mission that do not have a back-up facility. The two men will test replica suits in accelerated freefall training from helicopters under the supervision of the RAF.

They will undergo pressurechamber training in Moscow, similar to the programme of the Russian cosmonauts, and a sea survival course to prepare them for an Apollo-style North Sea landing. If anything goes wrong with the mission, which will be linked to a mobile control unit on the ground, the balloon will be discharged and the gondola will be parachuted to Earth.

There is an escape hatch and both men will have parachutes. Mr Lindstrand has

allowed to kill foxes, rabbits and other

started work on the space

balloon at his factory in

Mr Prescot's wife, Suzie,

agreed that he could go only

on the condition that he takes

her to Venice on his return.

The pilots are taking out

Business jet goes first class

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

A BOEING 747 is to be turned into the world's most luxurious executive airliner, flying a maximum of 67 passengers on prestige business trips and to corporate events.

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spend 66 million converting it. Most of the seats will be stripped out and a conference room, cinema and library installed as well as lounges

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Lindstrand & Press

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

ANGLERS are claiming a breakthrough in their long-running campaign against the cormorant, which they accuse of destroying their sport by raiding inland

Support for their cause has come from Brussels, where the European Commission is drawing up a proposal ending the YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

special protection enjoyed by cormorants under European Union law for the past 18 years. The Commission says cormorants should no longer be listed in Annex I of the 1979 European directive on the conservation of wild birds, a status reserved for species that are considered

to be endangered. Anglers believe managers of fisheries should be allowed to shoot cormorants to protect their stock, just as farmers are

wildlife they regard as pests. But orni-thologists are fighting a rearguard action to protect the birds. Even if EU law was changed, cormo

rants would remain protected under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, which allows them to be culled legally only under licence from the Government. Permission is rarely granted, and then only for small numbers of birds.

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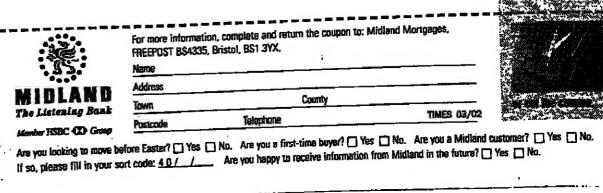
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3. The constitution

Spectators unmoved by players' tussle over rules

destined to play a critical yet curious role in the election campaign. They are critical because, in sharp contrast to almost every other area of public policy, the differences between the manifesto positions of the two major parties are likely to be wider compared with 1992. John Major and Tony Blair have made clear that they will make the constitution and the performance of our system of government a central part of their respective campaigns.

These issues are curious because. with the striking exception of devolution in Scotland, there is little opinion poll evidence that suggests the public is especially animated by these questions.

Debate over systemic reform has been fuelled by single-party government for almost two decades and a rising number of rows over parliamentary malpractice and 'sleaze". Labour politicians who want to suggest a crisis of faith in "the system" have an uphill struggle. Tories who want to escape association with sexual and financial scandals have an even harder task. Constitutional reform, even more than most policies, is a science of unprovable hopes.

For most of the past century there has been a broad consensus, at least between the two front benches, that Britain's arrangements, although unusual by international standards, actually performs rather well. That confidence was boosted during the interwar years when this country resisted extremes of communism and fascism.

in 1945, was highly innovative in economic and social fields but left the constitution almost untouched. Change began with the rise of nationalist sentiment in Scotland and Wales in the 1960s. The Conservatives moved first with the promise of a Scottish Assembly nade by Edward Heath in 1968. Harold Wilson and James Callaghan were forced to grapple, ultimately unsuccessfully, with the devolution dilemma throughout

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Even bolder reforms were contemplated - mostly more for party advantage than constitutional principle. The sight of a Labour government, elected with only 38 per cent of the popular vote in 1974, pushing through important nationalisation measures filled many Conservatives with horror. The

the second half of the 1970s.

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seemingly unstoppable power of the trade unions provoked fears for democracy. Many centre-right fig-ures such as Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Sir Ian Gilmour, Chris Patten, William Waldegrave and Kenneth Clarke moved towards wholesale reform, a Bill of Rights and proportional represen-tation. Conservatives who today oppose Labour plans have to grapple with past Tory commitments, including moves to remove

the vote from hereditary peers.

The arrival of Margaret
Thatcher marked a strong shift
against devolution, proportional representation and many other changes. After a notable struggle she reversed the Tory stance on

WHAT VOTERS THINK ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES

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trade union autonomy largely dis-pelled fears that Parliament had been displaced by flying pickets. Her victories in 1983 and 1987 suggested that traditional arrangements could still operate perfectly well for a victorious party.

At the same time, new concerns came to light. The fear grew on the Left that our constitutional system. far from making governments too weak, made them too strong and too centralised. The litany of grievances included abolition of the Greater London Council and metropolitan counties, the ban on union representation at GCHQ, the police tactics employed during the miners' strike, the ban on sales of Spycatcher, and broadcasting restrictions on Sinn Fein. As a consequence, the pressure group

An independent Scotland which is separate from both England and Wales but part of

the European Union 10%

Scotland remain part of

the UK but with its own

with some taxation and

spending powers 50%

devolved assembly

Charter 88 was formed in 1988. Its membership was drawn over-whelmingly from the Centre-Left of British politics, disproportionately among Liberal Democrats. Labour was groping towards this territory. The party was especially committed, as it always is in opposition, to curbing the House of Lords. Despite Neil Kinnock's own role in defeating devolution in the 1970s. the antipathy of Scotland towards Thatcherism meant that a parliament in Edinburgh, and a lesser entity in Cardiff, had to be promised. The 1992 manifesto also embraced the idea of a Freedom of Information Act.

Defeat persuaded Labour to adopt constitutional issues with enthusiasm. Under John Smith it embraced the European Convention on Human Rights and took

freedom of information more seriously. Mr Smith argued that Britain would stay united only if a credible outlet were created for Scottish aspirations. With Mr Blair the position has been expand-ed and refined. He has expressed more interest in the revival of local government for England and has made plain his personal interest in creating elected city mayors. He has entered into a dialogue with the Liberal Democrats on constitutional reform.

Labour's package represents the most radical set of alterations to the constitution since the 1870s. The question of whether that is necessary or desirable will be indissoluble from the sense of change required by the electorate.

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Tories fail to satisfy need for reform

THE Tories describe themselves as the custodians of careful reform. They argue that the essential character of the constitution is evolutionary and that their policies are in line with gradual change rather than the radicalism of Labour.

Conservative reform since 1979 can be placed in three distinct categories. The first concerns the working of the House of Commons. One of the Thatcher Government's earliest acts was to support the introduction of select committees for the House of Commons. These have the role of shadowing government departments and both provide backbench MPs with a worthwhile function and improve Parliament's ability to scrutinise the executive.

During John Major's tenure as Prime Minister there has been, through the Jopling sideration of how the House of Commons organises its timetable. The result of this has been sharply to cut back the number of very late sittings. This, advocates suggest. should produce a more civilised aumosphere and one more conducive to the proper consideration of legislation.

The Prime Minister also claims credit for creating the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life. In particular this has tackled the long-vexed question of MPs' outside interests by placing new regulations on their relationship with lobby groups and mandating disclosure of supplementary earnings. Mr Major, however, instructed Lord Nolan only as the result of public outrage over the behaviour of some Tory MPs: the Government resisted the full radicalism of the Nolan recommendations.

The Tories emphasise the significance of Michael Forsyth's decision to enhance the authority of the Scottish and Welsh Grand Committees of

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Parliament. These now regularly meet in the countries concerned. It can thus be claimed that government has been brought closer to the Scottish and Welsh peoples. Opponents argue that this is a poor substitute for genuine devolution.

The second segment of reform, the Government would of state information that would previously have been secret. At the Whitehall level this has involved the publication of the membership of Cabinet committees (which until 1992 did not officially exist) and the publication of the key document - Ouestions of Procedure for Ministers - which lays out the expected behaviour of ministers and civil servants. This has modestly improved the outside scrutiny of how gov-

ernment conducts its business. The Tories can point to a vast expansion in the information about public services available to ordinary people. This has been greatest in the field of education, where considerable detail is now available on such matters as examination performance and

truancy records. It has been carried through to other sectors such as health the police and transport through the system of open targets advocated by the Citizen's Charter and other managerial initiatives. This, the Government says, now constitutes a wealth of information of practical value to the public rather than the abstract notion of a Freedom of Information Act that would have little impact on the lives of the vast

Finally, the Government would point to the Data Proallowed individuals access to information held about them on Whitehall computers, and

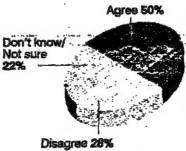
legal rules within which government ministers and civil servants are forced to operate

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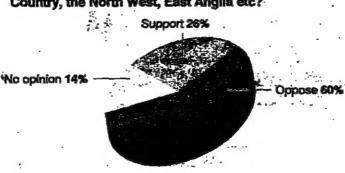
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government to other regions of Britain, such as the West Country, the North West, East Anglia etc? Support 26%

And would you support or oppose giving greater powers of

Now thinking about the running of Scotland, which of

these options would you most like to see?



the Official Secrets Act of 1989. which out the security services on a statutory basis. In each case a concern about the rights of citizens was dealt with. Such a case-by-case basis, it is mooted, offers far more pro-tection than the lofty but

vague ideals associated with a

Bill of Rights.

Not much of this carries weight with either of the main opposition parties. According Labour, the Tories have presided over a system of government that has become centralised, inefficient and bureaucratic*. As a result, British politics produces meaningless confrontation rather then serious debate". Worse still. British citizens lack basic rights to challenge unfair government decisions". Tony Blair proposes a set of reforms to deal with the inadequacies that he argues

have been the Tory legacy. Labour, though, is relatively restrained in its criticism compared with the barrage put up by the Liberal Democrats. The extent of their objections is neatly captured by a single sentence in a recent policy document. The basic fault with democracy in Britain today is that it is not democrat-ic." While Labour sees its

proposals as representing the long overdue modernisation of the existing system, the move all the way to a written constitution and an essentially federal political structure with most power parcelled down-wards to Scottish and Welsh

parliaments, regional assem-

olies and local government. Both Labour and Liberal Democrats would go much further in altering the internal procedures of the House of Commons, and would undertake major change in the operation of the House of Lords. Here, though, Mr Blair is most exercised by the present composition of the Upper House, namely the existence of hereditary peers with voting rights, whereas the Liberal Democrats would create something similar to

the United States Senate. Regardless of the merits of these proposals, whoever is elected will have to deal with three additional developments since 1979. Those concern Europe, the judiciary and the state of local government. The first two were not the result of deliberate intention from the Conservatives. Even the third has an accidental quality. Collectively, however, they

have an enormous influence

over how we are governed. The European Union exercises a command over the constitution that would have been unimaginable in 1979. Then almost all decisions within the EEC were made on the basis of unanimity. The Single European Act 1986 and the Maastricht treaty radically extended the areas where European law prevailed and allowed for qualified majority

The role of the judiciary has also expanded. In the past the . courts were deferential to-Parliament. Only where a minister had clearly exceeded his legal authority would a judge feel comfortable admonishing him. Over the past 15 years the concept of judicial review has seen vast change. As Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, can testify, judges are now willing to strike down ministerial actions because they believe them to be unfair, disproportional, or undertaken without

Finally, there is the sad state of local government. In their efforts to deal with certain far-Left councils and to ensure a tight grip on public spending,

due consultation.

the Tories have passed some 150 laws affecting the independence of local authorities, reducing their autonomy. Labour has bemoaned these

spending and this may limit their willingness to allow local bodies substantial new power. By international standards, Britain's unwillingness to lay out fundamental freedoms in formal statute is highly unusual. The culture of secrecy Whitehall is pronounced by Northern European standards. Britain's poor record in front of the European Court of Human Rights might suggest there should be some concern about the pro-

trends. In office they too face

the task of controlling public

Our traditional arrangements do not mesh well with the demands of EU membership. It is hard to believe that some sort of reform will not be necessary over the coming years. If the Conservatives are unwilling to accept that, then the selective package of change that any Labour gov-ernment would introduce, even if flawed in detail, may

tection of individual liberties.

Next Monday: health

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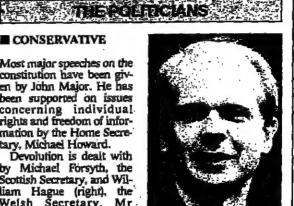
Most major speeches on the constitution have been given by John Major. He has been supported on issues concerning individual rights and freedom of information by the Home Secre-tary, Michael Howard.

Devolution is dealt with by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and William Hague (right), the Welsh Secretary. Mr Hague's communications skills seem likely to earn him a broader brief on these matters during the election campaign. Central Office has also made Stephen

Tony Blair has given most of the major speeches in this area and has been influential in amending Labour's plans for devolution.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, has led thinking on individual rights and access to information. George Robertson (right), the Shadow Scottish Secretary, has had an uneasy time dealing with his party's proposals for north of the border. Ron Davies, Shadow Welsh Secretary, has had rather an easier

Unlike the Conservatives,



Dorrell a leading figure in attacking Labour's plans. This has more to do with presentational factors than



Labour has not moved any figure from normal departmental duties to put the public case for the party's

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The House of Lords is a hard-worlding and serious reforming chamber. It provides another vital check on

Dr Brian Mawhinney Conservative Party Chairman What greater anachronism could there be in a democracy than the current House of Lords?

Jack Stray Shadow Home Secretary

Agree 79%

CONSERVATIVES



■ Documents: the Conservatives see no need for either a written constitution, a formal Bill of Rights, or incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights. Although not absolutely hostile to a Freedom of information Act, they argue that the specific additional access to information they have granted is a more

satisfactory way of proceeding. Parliament: the Tories point to a considerable improvement in the operation of the House of Commons over the past ten years. While not averse to further innovation they would prefer that the ongoing Jopling and Nolan reforms be allowed to run their course. They have no plans for any alteration in either the composition or powers of the present House of Lords.

■ Devolution: strongly opposed. They argue that assemblies in Scotland and Wales would serve as stalking horses for the eventual break-up of the United Kingdom. They also point to the present over-representation of Scottish and Welsh MPs at Westminster, which Labour has no plans to reverse. More fundamentally, they point to the unresolved "West Lothian" question: under devolution English MPs would have no say over health policy in Scotland but Scotlish MPs would have a vote on how the NHS operated in England.

Electoral system: strongly oppose any shift towards proportional representation. They argue that continental experience proves PR is a recipe for unstable coalitions that award disproportionate authority to minor parties that happen to hold the balance of power.

LABOUR



Documents: Labour regards a full-blown written constitution as unnecessary. It does, however, support a de facto Bill of Rights by incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. It also supports the passage of a Freedom of Information Act. Parliament: favours further re-

form to the procedures of the House of Commons. In particular it favours a change to Prime Minister's Questions to make them more "serious". It would remove the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords as a first step towards a more democratic and representative chamber.

■ Devolution: will introduce a referendum, consisting of two questions, with the objective of introducing a Scottish parliament with limited tax-changing powers. In Wales it supports an assembly with more modest authority to supervise the actions of the Welsh Office. An Edinburgh parliament would take overall authority of powers - in education, health and the legal system - currently controlled by the Scottish Office in London. Within England Labour favours regional assemblies where there is clear popular demand for them. London would have its

own directly elected body. ■ Electoral system: pledges to hold a referendum on electoral reform at some point during a first term of office. Tony Blair has not said that he supports the introduction of a new system. It is unlikely that Labour would endorse the single transferable vote (STV) method favoured by Liberal Democrats, preferring the less radical alternative vote (AV)

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



access to government information:

Parliament: Paddy Ashdown fa-Houses of Parliament. The Commons would serve for fixed four-year terms. Its size would gradually be reduced to 450 members from the present 651. It would have an enhanced mandate, greater powers and time to monitor the executive, scrutinise turation and expenditure and consider legislation. The House of Lords would be replaced by a new 300-member chamber. At least 200 members would be elected to serve six-year terms. The remainder would be

appointed to serve one 12-year period in office. Devolution: favour powerful parliaments for both Scotland and Wales. They would introduce an elected Greater London assembly as soon as practicable. Officer regional chambers would follow as and when citizens in each region decided that they wanted them. Local authorities would acquire an enhanced status and much greater financial autonomy through a local income tax. Electoral reform: opposition to Britain's current electoral system has long been an article of faith. The introduction of PR for Westminster would require popular approval by the public in a referendom. The Lib Dems are sympathetic to direct democracy and would make regular use of the referendum.



Documents: the Lib Dems would introduce a written constitution. They also favour a British Bill of Rights and the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law. They favour an especially broad Freedom of Information Act that would confer a public right of

vours sweeping changes to both

Distriction is alone among Britain needs a Bilt of advanced democracies in having no single document that serves as a constitution New Zealand, which had similar arrangements to the UK, broke company in the 1980s when it passed the New Zealand Constitution

☐ However, it would be inaccurate to describe our constitution as unwritten. Many parts of it are written down in statutes such as the Bill of Rights 1688 or the Great Reform Act 1832.

☐ The most significant constitutional changes of recent decades have flowed from our membership of the EU. The Single European Act of

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Agree 81%

1986, the Maastricht treaty and successive judgments from the European Court of Justice have had a profound impact on Britain's institutional arrangements... Distriction was a signatory

of the European Convention on Human Rights at its inception in 1950. Since 1966 individuals have been allowed to petition the court in Strasbourg (which is not related to the EU). The convention is not fully incorporated into British law. ☐ The Commons endorsed

a change in the electoral system to the alternative vote method in 1930. That Parliament ended before the House of Lords could consider its adoption. Various PR techniques are used for almost all elections in

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Consortium earns £100m renting out MoD homes

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Japanese-led consortium that bought the Armed Forces' married quarters housing last year is already grossing millions of pounds from the deal

Political opponents of the sale and housing analysts said at the time that the £1.66 biltion sale price was too low because of the huge potential profits to be made over the

long term.
More than 100 surplus Service houses have already been sold or are under offer since Annington Homes, financed by the Nomura International consortium, won the contract to buy the whole defence

housing estate last September. Another 2,600 surplus houses have been made available to the consortium by the Ministry of Defence for immediate sale. The MoD is also paying £106.8 million a year to lease back houses that it still requires for Service families.

Air Vice-Marshal Sandy Hunter, deputy chairman of Annington Homes, and former director of public affairs for the RAF and former com-mander of British Forces in Cyprus, said that there were risks involved and profits were "not a foregone con-

Annington Homes, set up by the Japanese investment house Nomura International with its partners, including the Royal Bank of Scotland and Abbey National, to mastermind the Service quarters takeover, has also been guar-anteed an additional 600-700 houses a year for sale on the open market over the next 25 years, up to 17,500 extra

With the average price for a house in England and Wales

currently £66,000, housing ex-perts said the total sale value of the surplus homes alone could be in excess of £1.3 billion at today's prices.

The sale of married quarters attracted much controversy last year. Labour and the Social Democrats, as well as a mumber of senior Tory backposed to the sale. Concessions were agreed after Baroness Park of Monmouth, a highlyrespected Tory peer, attempted to scupper the sale through an amendment to a Govern-ment housing Bill. Michael Portillo, the De-

fence Secretary, remains convinced that he won a good deal over the sale and is confident that it will not be an election issue. The Labour Party will never say that they will reverse the deal," he said.

Despite the guaranteed flow of rent and the potential profits to be made from the sale of surplus houses and redevelopment of estates in 25 years' time, Air Vice-Marshal Hunter said: "It will be a long haul. But we have to make sure that the investment we're making will support and at-tract a reasonable return."

He said the MoD would be clawing back a percentage of house sales and many of the older homes had been badly vandalised, requiring exten-

Under a profit-sharing agreement, Annington Homes is allowed all the profit from the first batch of sales. Then, over a period of 15 years, the MoD will receive 50 per cent of the sale price for two years,



Tube price is far too low, says **Prescott**

By JONATHAN PRYNN

LABOUR claimed yesterday that leaked Cabinet documents showed that the Goveroment was preparing to sell London Underground for fraction of its worth. John Prescott, Labour's dep-

unty leader, said corres-pondence between John Major and Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, after last week's "brainstorming" session at Chequers revealed that Treasury proceeds from the sale could be as low as

■ £600 million. Labour said that the Govermnent itself had estimated the value of the world's most extensive underground network at £13 billion. The leaked document had disclosed a "cold and calculating" attempt

to defraud taxpayers. The claims were dismissed as ludicrous by Steve Norris, the former Minister for London Transport, who was in office when the sale was first mooted. The cost of rebuilding the largely Victorian system from scratch would be £13 billion, "but its value to any investor is substantially less", he said — about £2.5 bil-

The important point is that if there is a receipt to the taxpayer, that is all well and good. At the moment the taxpayer is having to find around £1 billion a year for the Tube and is still not getting the improvements in services we need quickly enough."

Petrol cost 'must rise to protect the globe' BY NICK NUTTALL

ENVIRONMENT

PETROL prices need to double by 2010 and more coal-fired power stations must be shut if Britain is to meet its gas emissions in the early 21st century, a team of leading economists will claim today.

That will require the Goverrument to extend its pledge to increase the tax on fuel by 5 per cent a year above inflation. The agreement is due to expire in 2000.

In 13 years' time, petrol will be at least £5.20 a gallon if the annual increase is preserved, without allowing for inflation. the researchers say.

The recommendations were criticised by the Automobile Association, which urged the Government to back a more hard-hitting energy savings drive, including more last insulation programmes.

However the researchers, based at Carabridge Econometrics, believe that the increases are vital to tackle global warming and to main-tain Britain's lead in cutting carbon emissions and its influence on negotiations.

Dr Paul Ekins of Keele

University, one of the report's authors, said yesterday that the benefits of the increased duty, in terms of people driving fewer miles, buying more fuel-efficient cars and living closer to their work, were in danger of being lost unless the duty was kept until 2010.



Protester Tim works on the tunnel at Manchester airport

Airport faces delay as Swampy pledges to dig in for new protest

AND RUSSELL JENKINS

DANIEL HOOPER, better known as Swampy, the A30 bypass protester who held up work for a week by burrowing under-ground, yesterday vowed to take the fight against land development to another site.

Manchester airport, where treehouses on the site of the planned second runway already stand sentry against the arrival of the bulldozers next month, is the

nost likely target.

Swampy, who are a vegan

Sunday lunch with his parents

Peter and Jill at their fourbedroom home in Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire, said he had contemplated his next move while

"I am going to have a little holiday and then go on to the next protest site and build a megaturnel. That could be along the site of the A30, or perhaps at Manchester airport Guildford," he said.

The bail conditions imposed on Swampy, who appeared last week at Excler Magistrates' Court charged with obstruction, bun him from going within a kilometre either side of the A30 improve-

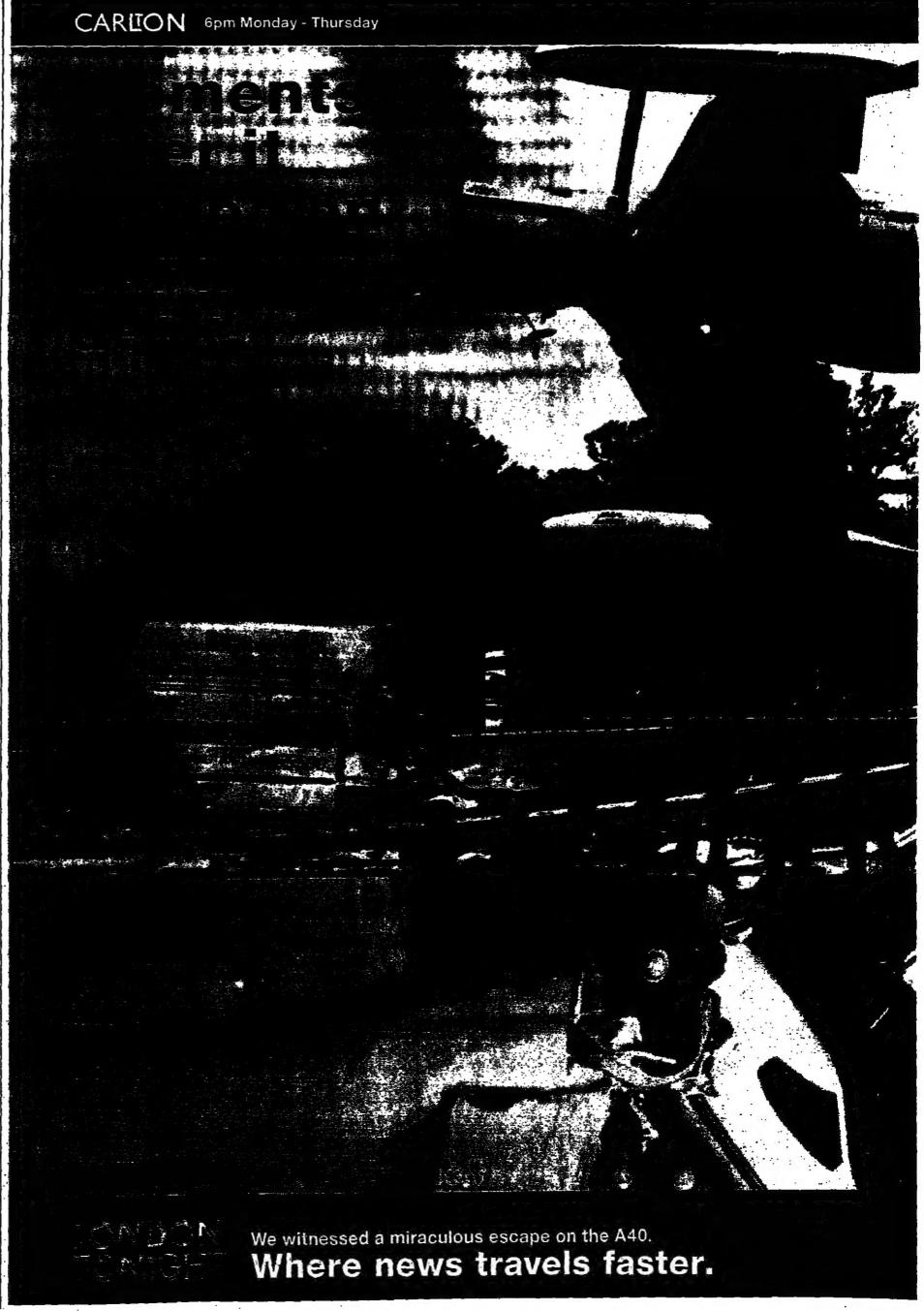


Swampy at home with his parents Jill and Peter yesterday

Newbury bypass protest.
Swampy, due to return to Devon and the office of the campaign this morning, said of his underground exploit. The amount of publicity it has achieved is amazing. Some people are beginning to realise we are not a bunch of layabouts who do nothing all day. I am going to continue, but I am not talking about it today. I will be back in the office in Devon tomorrow and will discuss it then.

At Guildford, Surrey, about half

£500 on other charges relating to a dozen protesters are camped in the path of the widening of a single-lane stretch of the A320 to Woking after a public inquiry approved the scheme. The action group members in Manchester, some in makeshift huts on the ground, others perched in treehouses, are expecting an influx and have begun digging their first tunnel. The prospect of deep tunnels has alarmed the security teams and is likely to hasten legal



BBC backs Princess as goodwill ambassador

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE ambitions of Diana. Princess of Wales, to be taken seriously as an international ambassador for good causes will receive a boost next week when BBC Television devotes a half-hour programme to her recent visit to Angola in which she campaigned against landmines.

During her four-day visit, which attracted worldwide attention, the Princess was accompanied by a crew from Heart of the Matter, BBCI's flagship religious affairs programme. Although off the air until Easter, it will screen a special edition on Tuesday of next week devoted to the Princess's crusade, which she undertook on behalf of the International Red Cross.

The BBC said yesterday that the programme would concentrate on the Princess's Angolan visit and would not include any references to her private life, unlike the Panorama interview of 1995 in which she attracted a record 20 million viewers for her confessions of marital strife and adultery. Although still being edited, the



The Princess wearing body armour in Angola

new programme is expected to show the Princess talking to child victims of landmines and teiling viewers that she re-gards herself as a successful promoter of good causes, if only because the international press follows her wherever she goes and gives her and her concerns huge amounts of free

On her first official foreign tour since her divorce last August, the Princess was actional press corps which in-cluded Karina Brennan, a producer for Heart of the Matter who occasionally presents the programme in

the absence of Joan Bakewell. "She is not a Martin Bashir figure," the BBC said yesterday, in a reference to the reporter who interviewed the Princess for her Panarama Most of the programme was

filmed on location on Angola, and includes much footage already seen on the television news. The Princess, who had been the figurehead of the British Red Cross's 125th anniversary celebrations, severed her connections with the charity at the time of her divorce. She was necessarian was persuaded to return by Lord Attenborough, the film producer, who is donat-ing some of the profits of his screen adaptation of Hemingway's A Farewell To Arms to the anti-landmine campaign.

the Princess expressed a desire to assume a role as "queen of people's hearts" and to be an unofficial ambassador for Britain. Her remarks were

In her Panoroma interview,

manipulative woman in search of status to replace her lost royalty. A visit to Argentina immediately after the programme, ostensibly to visit medical charities, was not the public relations success that she had hoped for.

But the Angola visit was clearly focused on a worldwide campaign against the evil of landmines which maim innocent people, and attracted extensive attention. The Ministry of Defence said oldfashioned mines would be replaced by "smart mines", that later self-destruct, for use in exceptional circumstances. It said that no anti-personnel mines had been exported from

Britain for five years. The Princess has been in talks with the Red Cross about further visits to Bosnia and Cambodia, two other countries littered with huge numbers of landmines from long periods of civil war, but officials are concerned that both areas may still be too dangerous for the Princess to venture

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The Duchess of York in Bangalore before meeting the controversial guru Sai Baba in Puttaparthi, 95 miles away. He was said to have produced a gold chain out of the air for her. Critics dispute his powers and whether his funds go to charity

Prescott says private sector would fund yacht

BY JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN PRESCOTT said yesterday that he had had talks with shipowners that indicated that a replacement for the Royal Yacht Britannia could be privately financed. Speaking on BBCl's Break-fast with Frost, the deputy

Labour leader, who has long argued for certain public enterprises to be privately financed, said there was "plenty of private money about" for

the project.
Last month Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary. made a surprise announcement in the Commons that the £60 million cost of replacing the yacht would be mer entire

ly by taxpayers.

The Labour Party has so far refused to give any guarantees that it would fund the replacement if it wins the general election. Labour sources said yesterday that Mr Prescott's talks had disclosed that "it is entirely possible that the ship could be financed privately without any guarantee of public money or any embarrass-ing commercial implications for the Queen".

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Hunting couple lead press astray

By ALAN HAMILTON

SEPARATE appearances by the Prince of Wales and Ca-milla Parker Bowles at the Beaufort Hunt last week lit the touchpaper of speculation in the Sunday newspapers — which totally disagreed on

what, if anything, it all meant. One view was that the heir to the Throne and his comforter of long-standing meant soon to bring their relationship into the open and possibly even to be photographed together, although she would never be there when his children were present. The intention, The that the couple would eventually gain public acceptance.

and might one day marry. The Mail on Sunday claimed with equal certainty that they had accepted they would never marry and that the relationship would have to be con-ducted with maximum privacy.

Much was based on little. The Prince and Mrs Parker Bowles are both keen immters. Last Monday they rode with the Beaufort on the same day but at different times, ensuring there were no highly saleable pictures of them together.

been invited to become patron of the National Osteoporosis Society, a charity for which she has worked for some time. The Prince would be highly unlikely to accompany her on official charity events.

A spokesman for Mrs Parker Bowles told The Times that neither, she nor the Prince would do anything that might detract from the Oueen's gold en wedding commemorations this year. The Queen is known to be against a more prominent role for Mrs Parker Bowles; in that desire she is

supported by opinion polls. The Prince is understood to have made known to senior advisers that, while be is anxious to improve his public standing, the question of Mrs Parker Bowles is "non-necotiable".

Germ warfare trials met with stout resistance

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MILLIONS of people were mised by serious chronic exposed to germs released by disease. The immune system exposed to germs released by the Ministry of Defence during secret biological warfare tests between 1964 and 1977. the Defence Secretary has

In one trial the germs were released at Waterloo Bridge and the Victoria Embankment in central London. In another they were sprayed into the air over Lyme Bay in Dorset.

The three types of organism released — including a strain of E. coli - are normally harmless. Being neither a puny baby, nor quite in my dotage. I would be happy to have the spores of Bacillus globigii, normally found on hay, sprayed on me, and would console myself that this would be no more dangerous than taking a walk through a meadow in the late summer,

or spending an afternoon car-rying hay bales. One of the other organisms. Serratia marcescens, is found in soil and water. Anyone who spent an afternoon grubbing around a slow-flowing stream would expose themselves to more S. marcescens than would have been inhaled after the ministry scientists' experiments.

E. coli 0162 does not normally cause disease. There are scores of types of E. coli that colonise the guts of all ani-mals, including humans. Some, like E. coli 0157, are, as the recent Scottish outbreak has shown, deadly to frail humans but tolerated by animals.

This benign picture of the effect of usually harmless organisms on a normal community is dependent on all those who live there having a standard immune system. However, the immune system is poor in small babies particularly if they have been born prematurely — in the whom it has been comprois also deficient in those who are taking steroids, including sufferers from asthma and inflammatory bowel disease. and in those born with a

deficient immune system. Patients with immunity

disorders frequently suffer grievously from bacteria normally thought of as benign. There cannot be many doctors who have not read a pathologist's report citing the organism responsible for some disaster, and who have not been amazed that something so usually harmless could have caused such devastation.

One demonstration of the importance of an individual's resistance was witnessed by my father in the early years of this century when Lord Lister was speaking to graduates of King's College Hospital. Lord Lister, the great surgeon and microbiologist, held up a testtube and declared that it contained enough typhoid to whereupon a tweed-clad old country doctor stomped up the aisle, seized the test-tube, drank its contents, muttered:

turned to his seat. -Next day at breakfast silence fell on the dining room when the old man came down to breakfast, but he had had a @ good night, enjoyed a hearty

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Families fear that relatives are being starved in hospital

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

HOSPITALS are accused of leaving patients dangerously underfied in a report by com-munity health councils pub-

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has been urged to investigate accusations by relatives that patients are starving to death. Many patients leave hospital undernourished because they are given the wrong type of food, or it is badly packaged, and they are unable to ask for help with eat-ing, the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales claims.

Families of elderly patients fear that they are being left to die through lack of food, the report says, but the problems also affect children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

One relative in Kent told the author: "We feel there was a policy on the ward that if you were expected to recover, you were helped to eat. If not, you were left to fade away."

Another, from Wakefield,

said: "Was my father ignored because he was elderly? My father would not have refused artificial feeding. I am dis-traught that my father should have been abandoned."

Angeline Burke, the author, writes that the relatives' concerns are extremely disturbing. They must be given evidence and assurances that it has never been NHS policy to starve elderly people in hospi-tal." She says there is evidence that hunger in hospital "can affect everyone going into hos-pital, not just elderly people". People who had difficulty

eating were given the wrong foods. "A 94-year-old stroke patient whose food had been liquidised due to her inability to swallow solids was given lumpy porridge on which she choked violently," a Berkshire respondent said. "Patients tried to raise the alarm but it was a long time before anyone was found to assist."

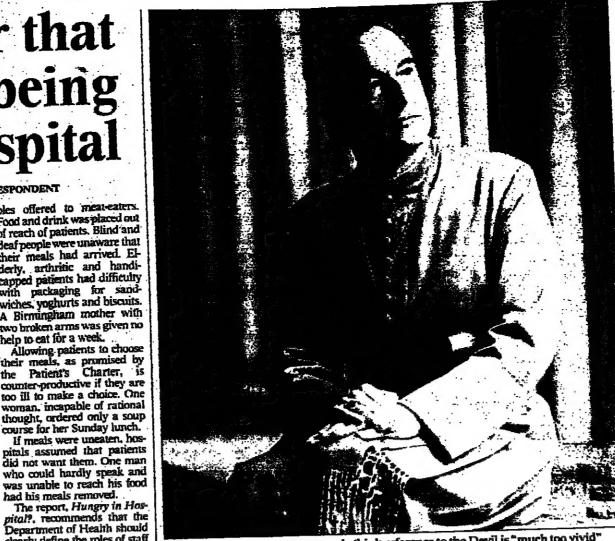
Vegetarians were simply

Food and drink was placed out of reach of patients. Blind and deaf people were unaware that their meals had arrived. Elderly, arthritic and handicapped patients had difficulty with packaging for sandwiches, yoghurts and biscuits. A Birmingham mother with two broken arms was given no

help to eat for a week.

Allowing patients to choose their meals, as promised by the Patient's Charter, is counter-productive if they are too ili to make a choice. One woman, incapable of rational thought, ordered only a soup course for her Sunday lunch. If meals were uneaten, hospitals assumed that patients

had his meals removed. The report, Hungry in Hospital?, recommends that the Department of Health should clearly define the roles of staff



Church to debate mention of Devil in baptism service

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH of England liturgists will this week debate whether godparents should pledge to reject the Devil and all proud rebellion against God" when a baby is baptised.

Traditionalists want a return to dramatic imagery, to help godparents to understand the scale of the task they are taking on. But opponents fear that terms such as "Devil" and "proud rebellion" are too literal for many godparents and parents today, who may be unfamiliar with the traditional language of the Church.

Dr David Stancliffe, Bishop of Salisbury, who chairs the Church's Liturgical Commission, said some opponents wanted to omit any reference to the Devil. There are people who think it is much too vivid and gives the power of evil a personality and face that they would not like to acknowledge.

But, he said. liturgists were aiming for a more vivid approach and a return to the anguage of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, which insisted that godparents re-

works" as well as "the carnal

desires of the flesh". The infant baptism service in the 1980 Alternative Service Book is being reconsidered as part of the revision of the Church's entire liturgy in time for the millennium. Liturgists are keen that all parents should feel able to bring their babies for baptism, even where they or the godparents might be unsure of their faith.

Although one quarter of babies are still baptised in the Church of England, the numbers are declining. One reason could be the present insistence that parents and godparents, who speak as proxy for the infants, must be full-fledged Christians.

The new service, although returning to the stronger language of the past, will soften the responses made by godparents, no longer demanding that they make promises they feel they cannot keep. The changes will be debated this week by a committee of the Liturgical Commission, and later go to the General Synod.

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Patients' bodies frozen to treat brain aneurysm

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

SURGEONS have developed a radical treatment for patients with a serious brain disorder which involves freezing the body and draining the brain of blood.

Sixteen patients have been successfully treated with the technique in which the brain is put into a state of suspended animation for up to 30 minutes while the surgeon oper-ates. The patients had giant brain aneurysms, a swelling in a brain artery caused by a weakness in the arterial wall and which can be as large as an orange. The swelling can press on the optic nerve. causing blindness, or rupture, leading to a stroke disability

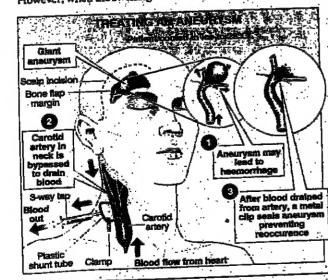
Terence Hope consultant neurosurgeon at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, who developed the technique said: "Thirty per cent of victims suffer stroke-like weakness or loss of vision and 20 per cent die. Our 16 patients

Normal brain surgery for aneurysms involves placing a clip across the neck of the swelling to prevent it growing. However, when the swelling is

too big it obscures the surgeon's vision making the procedure dangerous. In the Nottingham tech-

nique, the patient's body is cooled with ice until the temperature falls from the normal 37C to 28C. This is a degree above the point at which the heart stops and brain metabolism is slowed to half of normal. Surgeons then expose the carotid artery in the neck and fix a syringe in place which can withdraw blood while at the same time operating on the brain. The techwindow of about 30 minutes to: complete the procedure without damaging the rest of the

Ian Townsend, 47, a policeman who underwent the operation last October, will be back on the beat today after three months conv He was sent to hospital after a 24-hour headache and a brain scan revealed an orange-sized going to die or I could take my chance with the operation. I told them to give me the consent form," he said. "I'm now absolutely fine. I am contemely pleased to be here."



Confusion over pain in chest

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

WIDESPREAD confusion about the difference between indigestion and heart attack is putting people's lives at risk, a heart charity says today.

that a pain that feels like indigestion may also be a sign of a heart attack, leading them to lose vital minutes in seeking

A survey of 2,000 people conducted for the British Heart Foundation found that 62 per cent were aware that chest pains were a symptom of a heart attack, 43 per cent mentioned breathlessness and 30 per cent pain in the left arm. However, there was little awareness that a pain that felt like indigestion could be the pain of a heart attack or heart

- Although indigestion is not a symptom of a heart attack. the survey which included 300 heart patients, found 40 per cent had experienced an indigestion-like pain prior to

Change 'as good as rest' for workers

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

TIRED nightworkers concentrate best if they regularly change colleagues, research

has revealed. Tests on Canadian Army reservists kept awake for 60 hours showed they performed tasks better when they alternated between different work partners. When given drugs to try to keep them awake, the guinea pigs felt better but performed worse. Those who were given dummy pills and admitted feeling awful kept

up their efforts better. Dr Ellen Bard, of the Human Communications Research Centre at Edinburgh University, who reported on the tests, said: "Variety and novelty are a good stimulus. If you have to study into the night, study with a couple of equally miserable friends. Or if you have to work through the night, it may be better to schedule a meeting with colleagues at 3am rather than trying to do routine tasks on

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Democracy falters as voters face grim choice in Pakistan

PAKISTANIS go to the polls today, for the fourth time in eight years, faced with a choice between two leaders with records for running cor-Khan, the former cricket captain struggling to become a "third force", will make no more than a token impact after an almost one-issue campaign against official fraud.

Benazir Bhutto, sacked twice for corruption, and Mian Nawaz Sharif, sacked once, are the only viable party leaders on offer to the 56 million registered voters, most of whom will stay away in

disgust. Every parliament elected since 1988 has been dismissed by the army or with its blessing. The chances of the new government surviving a full five years are remote: the future of the country's strug-

gling democracy is at stake. Mr Khan will evaluate the future of his Justice Move-



Christopher Thomas in Lahore reports that Imran Khan can make little impact in a struggle marred by corruption

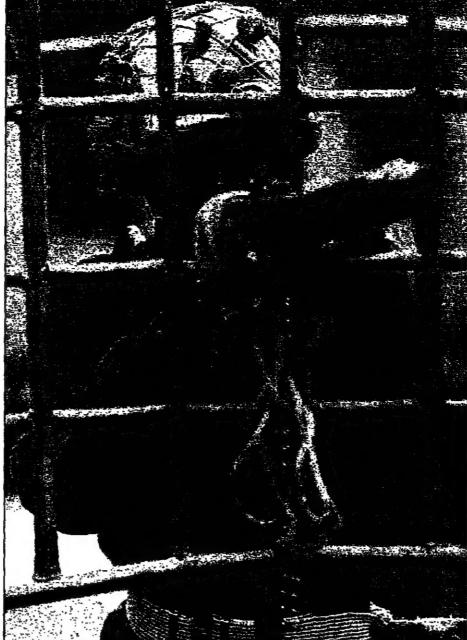
in. The party had barely five qualification on the ground that she is corrupt. "We may be too late to stop her running. months to prepare for the elections after it was formed, but there is no reason why she cannot be disqualified later," and fielded only 135 candidates for the 217-seat National Assembly - an impressive Nasim Zehra, a member of the Justice Movement's executive performance, given that it started with no grassroots committee, said. "We will be organisation or prospect for victory. The party plans to reorganise itself after the polls, Punjab is where elections are won and lost. Opinion and Mr Khan insists he will polls put Mr Sharif in the lead.

His last rally on Saturday in although without an overall Lahore - Miss Bhutto and majority, raising the prospect Mr Sharif also wound up their of another weak coalition runcampaigns in Punjab — was a lacklustre affair dampened by ning a divided country on the edge of political, economic and social collapse. rain. In a final attempt to keep Miss Bhutto out of the race, Mr khan's party filed a petition in the Lahore High Court yesterday demanding her dis-

Most of the main state institutions - from Pakistan International Airlines to the nationalised banks — are close to insolvency; there are more than three million drug addicts; a gun culture affects every region; only one elected government has lasted a full term; legitimate policing has all but collapsed; and Pakistan ranks 132 out of 173 in the United Nations index of social well-being. This is not an auspicious background to the country's 50th anniversary in

this after the

Many analysts say the election is the last chance for democracy. If the incoming government becomes as corrupt and inept as previous elected ones, the army may be forced formally to step in. The military will closely oversee immediate political develop-



A Pakistani soldier, one of 250,000 supervising the election, in Lahore yesterday

ments through the controver-sial National Defence and Security Council, formed last month by President Leghari. The ten-member body, headed by the President, includes the chiefs of the three armed services and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, together with the Prime Minister

interior, finance and foreign he says "will have to be affairs. It gives the generals a followed through by the next formal and doubtless dominant role in politics. Critics say it amounts to military rule.

President Leghari, who sacked Miss Bhutto on Novprivatisation, taxation and other economic reforms which

adamant, the economic programmes of the main parties vill be rendered all but redundant Mr Leghari's law will prevail. Any Prime Minister challenging him, and by extension the army, would create a political crisis.

Gulf awaits royal visit amid fears of Saddam attack

By Christopher Walker, Middle Rast Corresponden

THE Prince of Wales is due to visit Kuwait this month, at a time when American and Kuwaiti officials have given warnings that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq could be poised to make another lightning strike against the oilrich emirate.

Sheikh Saud Nasser al-Sabah, Kuwait's Information Minister, claimed at the weekend that Iraq had between 150,000 and 180,000 troops only 30 miles north of the 130-mile border with Kuwait.

"If they get instructions to move, it will not take them more than a few hours to reach us," said the minister, a member of the ruling royal family whose own army of 20,000 troops is still in the process of rebuilding after the Iraqi occupation in 1990-91. The sheikh's warning came

after a new war of words between Baghdad and the West, sparked by the claim last week by a senior US military officer who quoted intelligence sources as reporting that Saddam "comes in every morning and makes a decision" on whether his forces should move towards

The American claim was followed by more charges from Kuwait that Iraq was busy reinforcing its units in the south and a report by two Iraqi dissident groups based in Jordan that two brigades of Iraqi special forces, totalling 6,000 men, had been sent to the southern port of Basra. The city, which was damaged during the Gulf conflict, is 300 miles south of Baghdad and only about 30 miles from the Kuwaiti frontier.

Security experts believe that Saddam might be planning some military activity against Kuwait to mark the sixth

anniversary of his February: defeat, which Iraqi propaga da still depicts as a victory. One well-placed source sai "A new strike against Kuwa although improbable from the point of view of logic, could I a way for Saddam to dive attention from troubles home where he is involved ir family feud and his oldest s [Uday] is in a hospital b

vith bullets in his spine." The Kuwaiti claim of troo massing north of its bord were denied in Baghda Hamed Youssef Humma the Iraqi Information Minter, said that the remarks his Kuwaiti counterpart w "falsehood and fabrication" The Prince's Gulf trip

from February 21 to 26, sta ing in Kuwait and also taki in Bahrain and Qatar. In unusual clash with Washir ton, anonymous British Go ernment officials in Lond last week played down t warnings, claiming that the was no unusual military act ity in Iraq despite "colourfi. American claims of a ne power struggle there.

special military preparation or anything of that kind," or British official said.

The Prince's visit to Bahrai is set against the backgroun of a two-year secret wa against Iranian-backed insur gents from the Shia Muslin majority. Since an uprising exploded in squalid Shia villages close to the gleaming capital Manama in 1994, the conflict has gone largely unreported due to strict censorhip ☐ Baghdad: Diplomats and. United Nations employees have been stealing Iraqi artefacts and selling them to a smuggling ring, the director of Iraq's archaeological depart-ment, said. (AFP)

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SURVIVORS of an aircraft which crashed in southern Senegal, killing 23 people, claimed yesterday that water

down," one witness said.

Bernard Chereau, Mayor of

Mobutu seeks military help after setback for mercenaries

PRESIDENT MOBUTU of Zaire arrives in Morocco today for talks with King Hassan in an attempt to obtain military support after a govern-ment offensive led by mercenaries

The Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation Congo-Zaire, a coalition

of rebel groups including Tutsi guer-gillas and Mai Mai tribal warriors, idvanced on the mineral-rich Shaba province and opened up more baitle. lines in the northeast of Zaire to

recently paid - army with mercenary leadership was "not going as well as

expected".

Viewed by France, Belgium and middle the mercenaries' plans.

Morocco as the only man who can Laurent Kahila, the leader of the hold Zaire together in the face of the uprising boasted at the weekend that rebel uprising in the east, President Morocco as the only man who can thwarted by his men. In Kinshasa, he has been receiving chemotherapy

Saturday, having left France yester-day for the talks in Morocco.

☐ Kigali: An unidentified gumman shot and killed Father Guy Pinard, 61, a Canadian Roman Catholic priest of the White Fathers missionary order, during Mass yesterday in Karapanga,

Air crash

might have got into the plane's

fuel, causing its engines to fail. The Air Senegal flight carry-ing 52 people, nearly all French tourists, crashed soon after taking off from Tambacounda airport, 250 miles southeast of Dakar, on Saturday afternoon, then caught fire. The passengers had been on a safari to the Niokolo-Kobe national park. The two pilots, one of whom

was said to be the son of the President of Guinea-Bissau, oso Bernardo Vieira, were killed along with a third crew

Most of those killed had been sitting at the front of the plane, which apparently broke n two before it crashed. Twenty-nine French passen-gers were flown to Dakar overnight, and 16 of them were being treated in the emergeny ward of the main hospital. Medical sources said two of the most badly burnt survi-vors were being sent home to France last night

Survivors said in Dakar that they believed water in the fuel had caused the crash. When they fuelled the plane, they found water at the bottom of the storage barrels." one injured man said. Passengers aid the mechanics had checked the pump filters and then removed them before pumping the fuel directly from the barrels into the plane.

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Senegalese radio quoted survivors as saying the plane's right engine cut out just before the crash. "When we got to the end of the runway, the engines revved up and it was working okay. But after 30 seconds the engines stopped and we came

Villamblain in the Loiret region, also blamed water in the fuel. "Officials said the water was not in the fuel but in the pump, which came out of the Ark. They took out the filters



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Criminal linked to Mafia was guest at White House

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

MORE contrition flowed from the White House yesterday after the disclosure that a convicted felon with alleged links to the Mafia sipped coffee with President Clinton.

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The White House special counsel, Lanny Davis, acknowledged that the guest, Eric Wymn, was not an appropriate person to have been invited to enjoy much prized "face time" with the President.

The admission is the latest embarrassment for Mr Clinton in Washington's burgeoning scandal over the flock of wealthy contributors to the Democratic Party who were rewarded with perks ranging from presidential coffee klatches to overnight stays in the Lincoln Bedroom at the White House.

Mr Clinton or his officials have already apologised for invitations extended to a convicted drug dealer and the owner of a Chinese arms company now under investigation by American authorities. The White House admits that its vetting rules were too lax and is working on procedures for closer screening of those invited.

Wynn, a New Jersey stock promoter, was among eight guests who joined Mr Clinkm and senior Democratic fundraisers for coffee four days before Christmas, 1995. Five months earlier, he had been convicted for stock manipulation. According to court evidence, he set up an account are setting in. A critical edito-to benefit the wife and three rial in The New York Times children of Frank Coppa, identified in federal documents as a captain in the Bonanno crime family. The Washington Post reported.

yesterday said: "There is a

pressing need for Mr Clinton

to stop trying to fool people

into thinking the access racket

is an innoctious conversation-

Republicans in Congress

are preparing to hold hearings and are urging Mr Clinton to appoint an independent coun-

sel to determine whether cam-

paign funds were solicited within the White House. Mr Clinton has insisted: "I

never made a decision for anybody because they were a

contributor of mine." But this

week's Time magazine reports

that Alan Solomont, a leading

fundraiser and a lobbyist for

nursing homes, successfully persuaded Clinton adminis-

tration officials to make con-

cessions on stringent pro-posals for regulating nursing

homes. Mr Solomont is now

the Democratic Party's fi-

nance chairman.

Another beneficiary was Richard Tienken, said to be the business partner of a capo in the Luchese crime family. The parmer turned informer and appeared as a government witness at a Mafia trial after learning that the Luchese family had put out a contract for his murder. Later the Democratic National Committee returned a \$25,000 (£15,000) donation from Mr Tienken as "mappropriate" and \$50,000 to a company associated with him.

The Post said Wynn, who is in his late thirties, defrauded investors of millions and had already served two years in prison after pleading guilty to theft and tax charges in 1989. Last September Wynn was sentenced to 52 months in prison and fined \$50,000 in the stock fraud case. He is on bail pending an appeal.

Last week Mr Clinton ad-

mitted "mistakes were made" in his drive for millions of campaign dollars, including the presence of his senior banking regulator at a meeting with party fundraisers and 17 American bankers.

Mr Clinton insists that his chats with donors had no bearing on policy, but doubts



Darlie Routier, who could face the death sentence

Sobbing mother found guilty of killing son, 5

Kerrville, Texas: A suburhan the death of her son, Damo intruder stabbed her two sons to death before stashing her throat has been convicted of killing one of the boys.

Darlie Routier, Zi, sobbed before the verdict and continued crying afterwards, insist-ing: "I did not kill my habies." Her husband and other relatives, many wearing shirts bearing pictures of the boys, wept. Mrs Routier could be sentenced to death or life in prison. "We didn't lose. She'll come home," her husband, Darin Routier, said. Mrs Routier was on trial for

housewife who claimed an aged five. She was convicted also charged with a second count of capital murder for killing both sons, but a trial has not yet been scheduled. "We are relieved." Greg Da-

vis. for the prosecution, said, Prosecutors said Mrs Routier killed Damon and six-year-old Devon on June 6 last year because she was angry over money problems and the weight she had gained during pregnancy. They said she slashed herself in an attempt to fool the police. (AP)



Five-year-old Damon, right, who was knifed by his mother, with brother Devon

Force is still with revived Star Wars

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MEN strode up Hollywood Boulevard dressed as Imperial Stormtroopers. Their children waved battered toy. light sabres at the opening credits. Students forgot their oming exams for a night and camped out to buy tickets for five consecutive scr-

cenings. The force was back. It was the weekend when Star Wars pulled off a dramatic second coming, reappearing on the big screen for the first time in 17 years and drawing droves of young, obsessed, or merely nostalgle filmgoers to 1,800 cinemas across America. It was expected to re-enter the terrestrial box office charts at number

Not content with founding the most successful film franchise, George Lucas, the Star Wars writer and director, bas spent \$15 million (£9 million) sprucing up the 20-year-old rolls of celluloid to redefine the blockbuster from the year that Elvis Presley died and Jimmy Carter was inaugurat-

ed President. Mr Lucas has also added four and a half minutes of computerised animatronics to the original, apparently to



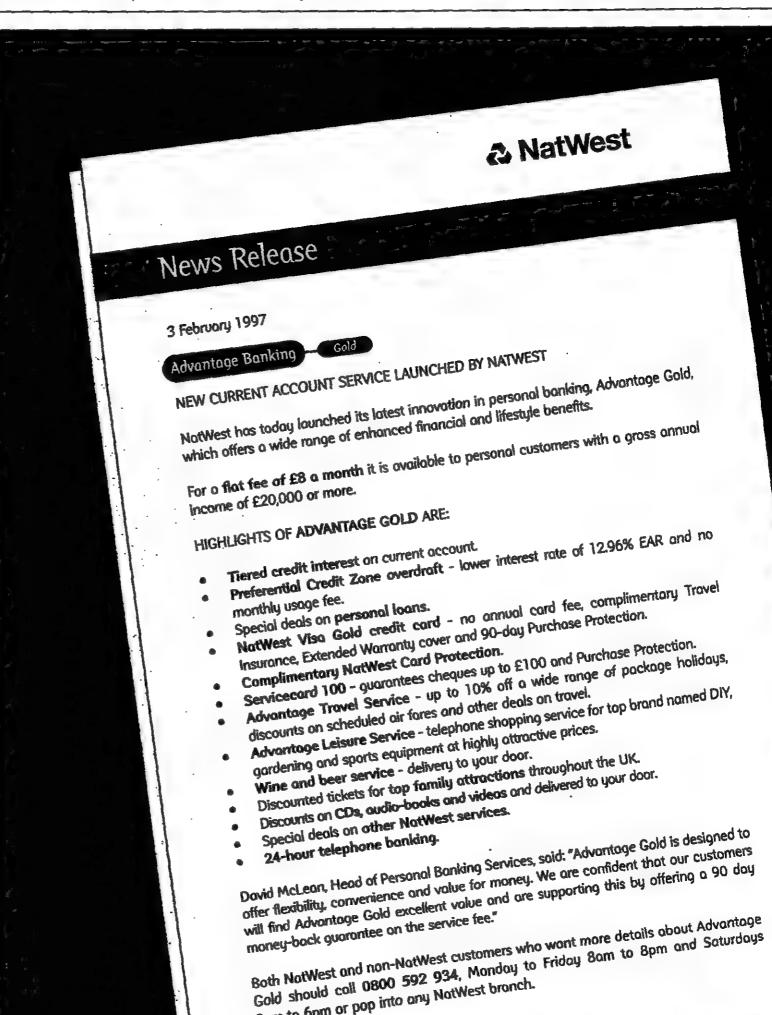
Darth Vader: anti-hero back with a vengeance

justify calling it a 'special

Critics have played along with grandiose tributes to the film's enduring appeal. It "celebrates the past, not the future," mused Edward Roth-

stein of The New York Times. Spencer Jordan, five, took a more jaded view. He liked the fresh effects, but appeared unimpressed by the film's space battles, some of which now seem dated, having spawned a generation of ever more eye-popping special

Of the \$4 billion (£2.5 billion) carned by Star Wars and its two sequels, barely a quarter has come from ticket sales. The rest has poured in from video tapes and games. CD-ROMs, books, comics, clothes and \$1.2 billion-worth



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Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli leader, wipes his face after a speech yesterday

Israel peace talks to resume

Arafat, Netanyahu and Mubarak overcome hostility to set date for Gaza negotiations (SRAEL) and Palestinian

FROM RICHARD OWEN

IN EDMO

THE POPE will today seek to

persuade Binyamin Netanya-hu, the Israeli Prime Minis-ter, that Jerusalem should be

"internationalised" to ensure access to their holy places for

all the great religions, and to

in the administration of the

Diplomats said Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader,

believed the status of Vatican

city alongside Israelis.

leaders said yesterday that they would resume full-scale negotiations on the implementation of peace agreements after a six-month breakdown tinian territory, its punitive in the Middle East peace process. But there were clear Hebron peace agreements were threatening the achievement of a durable peace, not only in the Palestinian territosigns of continuing hostility after the first day of talks in several months between the Palestinian, Israeli and Egyptian leaders.

Speaking after their separate bilateral discussions Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, and President Mubarak of Egypt, gave conflicting accounts of what had been agreed and of the atmosphere of their discussions on the fringes of the World Economic Forum at this Swiss mountain resort.

Mr Netanyahu said the new round of meetings, to begin on Thursday in Gaza, would mark a new beginning and expressed his great hope that the forward momentum in the peace process could now be

However, Mr Arafat was markedly less optimistic, saying that the Israeli Government's tacit support of illegal

Israel and the Palestinian territories were costing Palestinians \$7 million (£4.2 million) a day. Palestinian national income had fallen 35 per cent in 1996 and private investment in the territories had slumped to \$250 million from \$700 million, he added.

President Mubarak, who oke to Mr Netanyahu for Mr Arafat said Israeli rethe first time yesterday after a strictions of the movement of six-month boycott on direct people and goods between contacts, also demanded that

City could serve as a model

Today's meeting will be the

for the future of Jerusalem.

first between Mr Netanyahu

and the Pope. The Israeli Prime Minister is expected to invite the Pope to visit the Holy Land "in the near future" rather than waiting

in frail health, has said he hopes to follow in the foot-steps of Abraham and Moses

by touring the Middle East at the turn of the millennium by

Mr Netanyahu abide "faithfully and fully" by peace agreements and noted that Mr Arafat had arrived in Davos working with anybody for the sake of peace. I have no sensitivity in that direction at all," Mr Mubarak said.

Mr Arafat and President Mubarak pointedly turned down the opportunity to share a platform with the Israeli Prime Minister. Instead of

Pope calls for open Jerusalem

climbing Mount Sinal with Jewish and Mustim leaders in a gesture of reconciliation between the three great monotheistic religions.

Israel regards Jerusalem as its "eternal capital". The internationalisation of the city

as a "corpus separatum" was part of the United Nations peace plan of 1947, which Mandate in Palestine gave way to open war between the then embryonic Jewish state

appearing simultaneously on the platform, as they had done in past sessions of the World Economic Forum, each leader

spoke separately.

To underline the chill which had entered Israeli-Palestinian relations, Mr Arafat went out of his way to pay an emotional tribute to Shimon Peres, the former Prime Minister, and walked from his podium into the audience to shake Mr Peres's hand. in an emotional speech to

the 1,000 top businessmen assembled at Davos, Mr Arafat accused Mr Netanyahu of breaching the Oslo and ishment on the Palestinian people through his bans on charged that Israel was acting illegally by allowing continuing Jewish settlement in the Palestinian areas and broke into English during his speech to emphasise this point.

Later he also accused the Israeli Government of tacitly tremists whose terrorism has jeopardised the peace process. It is the Israeli Government lanatic groups Hamas and Jihad to compete with the

Algerian extremists cut off victims' heads

Paris: Muslim entremists killed 31 people in an Algerian town, and one man, described as a dwarf, backed off the victims' heads with an axe and knife. El Watan newspaper reported in Algiers yesterday. Algeria's latest night of horror was confirmed by a source close to the security forces, who said they believed the victims belonged to five families all related to a dissident member of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA). "He was Sid Ali Bouhdgar, who split from the main group and had formed his own group." the source said from Algiers.

own group," the source said from Aigiers.
"More than 30 people had their throats cut," the newspaper quoted a resident as saying. "A dwarf, sometimes using an axe, sometimes a knife, cut the heads from the bodies. It was a security patrol, passing there a little later, which prevented the whole district being massacred." At least 225 people have died during the fasting month of Ramadan. (Reuter)

Wave of bombs in Corsica

Aiaccio: Corsican separatist guerrillas defied a French government crackdown to mount a show of force in the Mediterranean island yesterday, exploding 58 mostly tiny bombs in a few hours. There were no injuries in the pre-dawn blitz and damage was mostly limited to smashed windows or damaged doorways at post offices, tax offices and other symbols of French state authority in towns and villages.

Investigators thought 120 to 150 people were involved in the attacks. The outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) Historic Wing, seeking to prove it has not been crushed by the detention of three leaders in recent weeks, said it planted the 58 bombs and four others that failed to explode. (Reuter)

Tapie faces night in jail



Doual, France: The bankrupt French businessman and former Marseilles soccer boss Bernard Tapie, left, faces a first night in jail today. Under French law the former Cabinet minister, who has expressed terror at the idea of prison, must spend the night behind bars before the Supreme Court rules tomorrow on his final appeal against an eight-month sentence for a role in bribing players to fix a soccer match. He has previously used a barrage of appeals to stave off jail convictions.

Curfew on Taipei teenagers

Taipei: Taipei has imposed a curiew on teenagers under 18, the Mayor of Taiwan's capital city announced vesterday. He warned proprietors of cinemas, karaoke bars, coffee shops, nightclubs, bowling alleys and other recreation venues that their business licences would be revoked if they served patrons under 18 during the curlew hours of midnight to 5am. Errant teenagers would be held at police stations until their parents took them home. He said enterprises should share with parents and the Government the responsibility of protecting young people. The curfew would be lifted on the day before a holiday. (AFP)

Jail attacked in bikers' feud

Copenhagen: An anti-tank grenade was fired into a jail housing copenhagen: An anti-tank grenade was fired into a jail housing members of the Bandidos biker gang early yesterday, injuring one gang member in his cell who was being held pending trial in connection with an October anti-tank grenade attack on the Hell's Angels compound in Copenhagen. In the October attack, two people were killed and 19 injured. Police said yesterday's grenade, fired from a nearby road, apparently did not explode after breaking through the cell window. Several people with links to Hell's Angels had been arrested. (AP)

Rebels defy Fujimori

Washington: An international spokes-man for Peruvian rebels holding 72 hostages in Lima denied claims by Alberto Fujimori, the Peruvian President, right, that they had 'implicitly' agreed to drop their main demand that hundreds of jailed comrades should be freed (Ian Brodie writes). Nestor Cerpa. leading the Tupac Amaru group, told Spanish newspapers that he and his followers were ready to die if Peru resorted to force. He added that they would not release any more hostages.

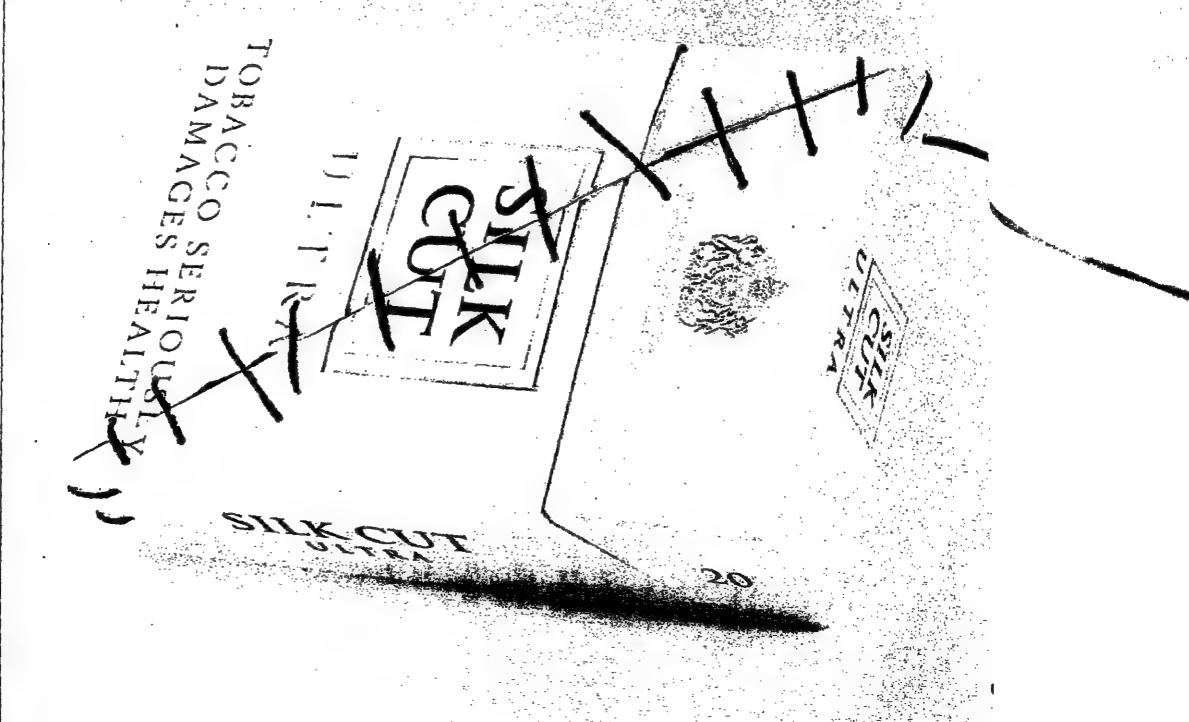


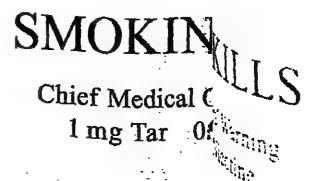
'Mr San Francisco' dies

New York: Herb Caen, the veteran newspaper columnist known as "Mr San Francisco". has died aged 80 (Quentin Letts writes). Mr Caen, who was credited with inventing the term beatnik wrote for the San Francisco Chronicle over six decades. Asked once to predict his fate after death, he replied: "[1] do what every once to predict his late after death, he replied: I it do what every other San Franciscan does who goes to Heaven — he looks around and says, "it ain't bad, but it ain't San Francisco'." President Clinton was among those who paid tribute to him.

Child barred over nailfile

Ocala, Florida: A live-year-old girl was suspended from kindergarten for a day for taking a nailfile to school in violation of a zero-tolerance policy on items that resemble weapons. The girl was the first Emerald Shores Elementary School pupil to be suspended under the rule, developed by parents, teachers, community representatives and administrators amid concerns over items such as pocket-knives at school. (AP)





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Police on scent of truffle-dog thieves

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

POLICE are on the scent of a gang of truffle-dog thieves in the south of France, who have stolen more than dozen of the

animals used to track down the delicacy. Truffle-dogs, which have largely taken over from pigs as man's best friends in sniffing out the prized underground fun-gus and can be sold for up to £1,800 each, take at least two years to train and the thefts have deeply divided

truffle-hunters.
"We are ready to take out the guns in what can only be described as the Truffle Connection'," one truffle-gatherer from the village of Saint-Didier in the Vaucluse region told Le Parisien. Truffles sell wholesale for up to £100 a pound and police suspect that unscrupulous hunters are stealing the dogs to avoid the expense of training their own.

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Marketing to a mile

Energetic Yeltsin meets Chirac for three hours

sia's continued objections to about all the problems of the

PRESIDENT Yeltsin, seeking to convince the world of his return to health and continued ability to lead Russia, held three hours of talks yesterday with President Chirac of France, the first foreign leader to meet him since his stay in hospital last month with double pneumonia.

Official television pictures from the start of the meeting showed the two leaders embracing warmly at the entrance to the Novo-Ogaryova presidential residence, 15 miles west of Moscow. As they walked into the building, they were laughing and talking

The talks were extended by an hour from the two hours originally scheduled. Sergei Yasırzhembsky, Mr Yeltsin's spokesman, said this indicated their importance. But there was little doubt that the main aim of the extension was to bolster repeated Kremlin assurances of the Russian President's restored energy and vigour.
The two men discussed

European security and Rus-

zhembsky, the talks were friendly and Mr Yeltsin was Russia's interests, which is entirely legitimate," M Chirac satisfied with their outcome, although it was clear that Similar statements were there were no breakthroughs made last month by Helmut

world which we discussed and

very tough in the defence of

on the Nato issue. He said M Kohl, the German Chancellor. Chirac had assured Mr who saw Mr Yeltsin just before his latest bout of illness. Yeltsin that France was aware But television footage released No journalist was allowed after those talks did little to

support Herr Kohl's assur-

ances. Mr Yeltsin appeared

frail and unsteady with a

Since his discharge from

hospital on January 20, Mr

Yeltsin has made three trips to

the Kremlin. Television pic-

vacant expression.

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access to the Novo-Ogaryova residence and Mr Yeltsin, who was 66 on Saturday, made no public appearance afterwards. M Chirac held a brief press conference at the airport be-fore flying back to Paris, at which he said he had been impressed by the speed of Mr

plans for Nato enlargement.

According to Mr Yastr-

of Russia's concerns.

tures on these occasions showed him looking better and livelier but still weak. The "I found him, as always, extraordinarily well informed announcement last week that

he had cancelled plans to visit The Hague, because his doctors had advised him against flying, led to renewed speculation that he was still seriously

His wife, Naina, said in a weekend television interview that Mr Yeltsin works many hours a day in his country home. "He starts his work really early, at 4am or 5am," she told ORT television. "He works many hours during the

She said the President's work should not be measured by the number of his working hours and official meetings. He has said that his job was to think first of all," she said. Now he has more time to think, to weigh things."

However, Russian newspapers are speculating on the post-Yeltsin era, while even loyal officials are making preparations for dealing with a successor. A Moscow daily week compared Mr Yeltsin with a suitcase without a handle: "You don't really want to throw it away, but it is terribly difficult to carry."



President Yeltsin greets President Chirac at his residence near Moscow yesterday

Milosevic himself a bunker

FROM TOM WALKER IN POZAREVAC

LABOURERS building a new house for Marko Milosevic, the Ferrari-driving son of the Serblan President, say it contains an underground bunker that could provide protection should the country's crisis deepen.

The house is being built behind high security tences in the Milosevics' home town of Pozarevac, 50 miles southeast of Beigrade. The President and his wife spend little time there now, and the town has become virtually a fieldom for Marko, 22, and his highoctane antics.

Work on the young Milosevic's sumptuous and impregnable home was put back by six months recently after a flaw was found in some marble slabs. "If there is the slightest mark on any the whole thing has to

be replaced," said a workman. Sitting beneath a framed photograph of the President, the workman spoke in awe of the wonders to be found in Marko's marble basement. A boat-shaped swimming pool has been built, with heating fitted into the walls and floors. The bunker's peculiarity is that it has no entrance — this will be made by Marko's inner circle only when build-

ing has finished. I tried to find where the wall was thin with a ham-mer," the worker said, "but I was shouted at by the foreman." He said groups of labourers were changed every month; nobody will work there from start to finish.

The building, off Nemanjina Street near the town centre, is in stark contrast to the drab concrete utilitarianism all around. What little work there is comes from the Bambi biscuit factory, which produces one of Serbia's fa-yourite brands, "Plasma Keks". Despite the abject pov-erty, however, most people are supporters of President Milosevic and the local oppo-sition office has smashed

Marko so far has had a undistinguished career. he failed to get through college and was rejected by the army. He owns an open-air discotheque, Madonna, outside Pozarevac and races cars with little skill - he has crashed more than a dozen. Witnesses say he drives his yellow Ferrari around town at breakneck speed and always carries

Kosovo son builds Albanians killed by police

ETHNIC Albanians campaigning for a separate state in Kosovo, southern Serbia, have denounced President Milosevic's latest police clampdown on the area.

Three Albanians were shot dead in Vucitrn, near the regional capital, Pristina, on Saturday. A statement from the Serbian Interior Ministry said they had fired on policemen, three of whom were injured in the incident. The ministry identified two of the men as Zahir Pajaziti, a leader of the Liberation Army of Kosovo, and his driver. The

third is unknown. The Liberation Army of Kosovo has been blamed for several recent attacks on Serb targets, the most serious of which was a bomb that injured the rector of Pristina University, from which Alba-

nians are excluded. called Liberation Army of Kosovo, but we never see proof," said Fehmi Agani, vice president of the Democratic League of Kosovo. "So far as I am concerned, this

movement does not exist." The League has appealed to foreign governments to persuade the Serb authorities to halt "a campaign of terror". Dozens of arrests have been made in the past week in a region where Albanians outnumber Serbs by nine to one.

In Belgrade on Saturday night, Zoran Djindjic, an opposition leader, gave a crowd of 25,000 demonstrators the first news that the Government may be on the verge of making a proposal to end the protests of recent weeks. "We are expecting certain offers to be made, perhaps on Mon-day," he said.



Djindjic: first hint of

Lights go out as Turks campaign for justice

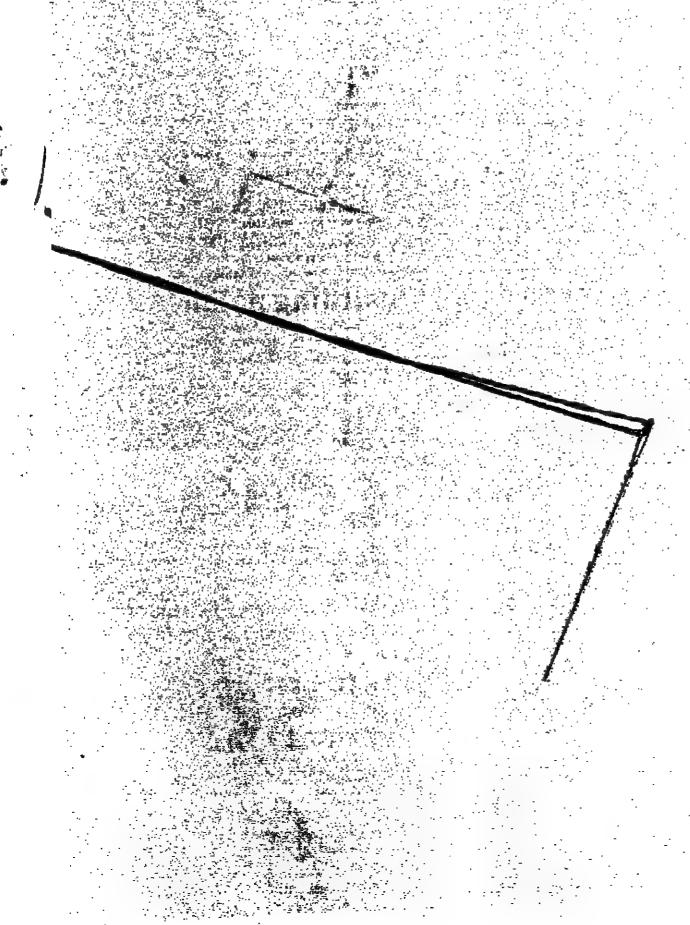
From Andrew Finkel in Istanbul

TURKISH protesters sat in the dark without television at the weekend during a protest over claims that state security officials ran a network of assassins who ran drugs and laundered money.

MPs, businesses and private television stations joined in the campaign - "A minute of darkness for a lifetime of illumination". Citizens are being urged to switch off their

The protest arose from revelations last November after a car crash in which a wanted killer, a police chief and a beauty queen died. Sedat Bucak, an ethnic Kurdish MP who runs a state-funded militia enlisted to fight Kurdish separatists, survived.

Since then, Turkish newspapers have been unearthing revelations concerning underground figures, casino owners and senior policemen who may even be linked to British drug suppliers.



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FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN GIBRALTAR

PETER CARUANA. Gibralvowed that his administration will not cede "even the tiniest fraction" of the colony's sovereignty to Madrid, dismissing as "absurd and laughable" the latest proposals for Anglo-Spanish co-sovereignty made recently by Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister.

In an interview with The Times yesterday, Mr Caruana accused the Spanish Government of treating Gibraltarians with "undisguised contempt". He said: "We are still interested in a better relationship, but all the Spaniards have done is to kick us in the teeth."

Mr Caruana, whose Gibraitar Social Democrats were elected last May on a mandate to build bridges, confessed to "swaying between despair and anger" in his dealings with Madrid. They have squan-dered a marvellous opportuni-ty," he said. "For the first time. hey have had a Government in Gibraltar which is conciliatory, which is itching for a constructive dialogue. We have always said that we would do anything, without prejudicing our British sovereignty, to try to persuade Spanish politicians to take a different view of Gibraltar. We are not asking them to renounce their sovereignty claims but only to put them to one side and talk. Sadly they don't seem to have the

Mr Caruana reiterated that Gibraltar was "as resolutely British as it has ever been". We do not ever want to snap our links of dependency. All we want to do is to modernise our constitution, eliminating certain colonial trappings."

When pressed for examples, he suggested that the Governor should no longer enjoy the colony's civil service should be more answerable to its elected representatives. Mr Caruana was also deter-

mined to emphasise that Gi-

braltar was "no longer the smugglers' cove portrayed by the Spanish media".

Elected on a wave of outrage against the brazen contrabandistas who flourished under Joe Bossano, his predecessor, Mr Caruana has made it his main priority to return to Gibraltar its previously spot-less image as a sale, law-

abiding place". Mr Caruana was, nonetheless, scathing of "Madrid propaganda, which harps on about smugglers and drugs without taking a blind bit of notice of the truth".

He said: "The Spanish politicians and press are in the habit of fabricating stories about Gibraltar. There are hardly any fast launches left. yet they still speak of this place as if it were crawling with pirates. It makes us very angry, especially as our police co-operate on a daily basis with the Spanish coast guard."

Mr Caruana declares that "a lot of arrant nonsense" is also talked in Spain about the Rock as a haven for money-Spanish Foreign Ministry say that Gibraltar must be a money-laundering centre because it has 30,000 registered companies'. But that number is something which Gibraltar has in common with other financial centres."

in a clumsy bld to deflect attention from Mr Caruana's visit to Brussels last week, Señor Matutes leaked details of a "co-sovereignty" proposal to the Spanish press, causing attention to focus on Gibraltar while the Chief Minister was in Brussels.

Mr Caruana believes the Spanish move backfired. He said: "Malcolm Rifkind [the Foreign Secretary] was forced to reject the proposals publicly, and even John Major had reaffirm the British Government's commitment to Gibral-





FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

Il Duce's erotic pillow talk revealed

BENITO MUSSOLINI, Italy's Fascist dictator, who liked to portray himself as an ironwilled man of destiny, has been revealed as having spent much of his time on the telephone whispering passionate and erotic words to Clara Petacci, his young mistress.

Arrigo Petacco said yesterday that he had discovered revealing transcripts of Il Dure's telephone conversations white researching his forth-coming book, Mussolini's Secret Archive. Rachele, Mussolini's long-suffering wife, had to tolerate many infidelities, but Clara was a central figure in Mussolini's life from

Clara was 30 years his junior and, although enchanted by her, he was also capable of great cruelty, to the point Leading article, page 21 where their pillow talk became part of the government of Fascist Italy. When he was shot by Communist partisans in April 1945, as the last remnants of his Fascist regime crumbled, she was at his side. and they were subsequently hanged together by the heels

in a Milan square. The first love letters from Clara to Mussolini found in the archive are dated April 1926, when she was just 14. She called him "a divine being" and sent him poems. She married Riccardo Federici, a seaplane pilot, but Mussolini sent him into exile in Japan as the gossip about their affair spread in the 1930s.

scripts show a side of Mussoli-ni that even rumour-mongers could only guess at. "The perfume of your kisses sends me into a daze," he said in one late-night conversation in December 1937. At the time he was preparing to convert his informal alliance with Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan into the pre-war Axis.

"My love, swear that you are mine and mine alone, Clara said in one call. He replied: "Clara, when I look into your eyes I look into the depths of your soul. The world disappears, I forget everyone and everything.

Signor Petacco said his researches showed "history through the keyhole". He had access to the private archives in which Il Duce kept information about his political rivals phone taps. But a branch of the Italian secret service, the Servizio Speciale Riservato. was also keeping tabs on the dictator - at his own request.

Signor Petraco said the conversations were full of sighs and kisses" interspersed with political information. One conversation at midnight on June 9, 1940, when Italy was about to enter the Second World War, records Clara as asking Mussolini why he was

"Perhaps you don't love me any more," she said plaintive-ly. Il Duce replied: "How can you say such stupid things? In a few hours the fate of Italy will be decided. One word alone could mean either glory or an ignominious end." He then hung up, but soon phoned back to apologise.

my love", Clara replied. "It is for you to forgive me my great love for you." "An immense and infinite

love," Il Duce replied tenderly.

Juppé should be welcomed with a few euro truths

British ministers like to boast of how well they get on nowadays with bers. So when Alain Juppe rolls up at No 10 Downing Street this morning. John Major ought to be frank with him. Instead of giving the French Prime Minister the regulation-issue platitudes, this is what he should say:

"Good of you to drop in. Alain, and don't bother to apologise for using us as a photo op. When one's at rock bottom in the opinion polls, I know every handshake on foreign soil is a bonus. Since this may be the last time we meet here, let me be straight with you.

"You can read the signals. Britain isn't going into the first wave of a European monetary union. Blair will have an EU honeymoon, of course, but if anyone thinks that big business or Gordon Brown is going to bounce him into a single currency, he peeds his head examined. You've met Blair: he's not a fool, and he's not going to make the first Labour government for 18 years a hos-tage to a single currency referendum which he might lose and destroy himself.

That being the case, the next issue between France and Britain is whether the EU's single-market rules will work when one group of states start using the euro. According to some of your ministers and businessmen. we can't honourably stay inside the single market while we're outside monetary union. At a Franco-British conference in Versailles last weekend, somebody said this would be like playing poker with Monopoly money.

irst, the EU treaty allows us to have our cake and eat it. If you try cutting us out of the market you will have a long. acrimonious and messy fight. Can I just remind you that DIHT, the German businessmen's organisation, said last week that a favourable exchange-rate difference German investors in Britain? And what is all this about devaluations hurting French exports anyway? Get real: your export performance is



Dresdner Kleinwort Benson figures which show that your exports to us. Spain and Italy have been growing faster than those to the Belgian. Dutch and German hardmency markets.

"The euro is corroding faith in politics. Your smile suggests that British ministers 25 per cent behind in the poils at home who make speeches to 'the people' of the continent look a little silly. Quite bonestly, Malcolm Rifkind in a penguin suit isn't exactly my idea of an ordinary bloke either.

"Germany's jobless rate lor the under-25s is almost the same as its overail rate: just over 9 per cent. You have a national rate of 12.7, but an under-25 rate of 29 per cent. You're creating a whole generation beyond the Paris ring road for whom "Maastricht equals the dole. Central bankers issue warning after warning that neither gentle growth nor the euro can solve the unemployment crisis.

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acques Chirac has been discussing defence with Helmut Kohl, I see. Don't forget that events on the edge of our continent may require Europe's armies to work closely ther. That won't be possible if you're locked into a Rhineland political union to which Britain doesn't belong.

You've built a trap for yourselves by telling the French electorate that a single currency shrinks German yourselves that backing out is more dangerous than carrying on. But if you do see a

happy to help.
"Let's have some lunch.

GEORGE BROCK

Papandreou widow 'hoarding political dirt'

IN ATHENS

GREECE'S most talked-about widow, Dimitra Liani-Papandreou, has drawn a fresh round of fire from the Government, which fears she could be in possession of embarrassing state secrets.

An official spokesman called Mrs Liani-Papandreou, better known as Mimi, a "political zombie" after a maga-

zine published a document purporting to show that Greece buckled under to American pressure during a dispute with Turkey over a barren Aegean island a year ago. The document is believed to belong to the archive of Minni's late husband, the former Prime Minister and Socialist Party founder, Andreas Papandreou, who bequeathed it to her.

documentary ammunition against the present Prime Minister, Costas Simitis, has rattled the Government.

Mimi, 41, has almost certainly not given up hopes of a political comeback.







An accelerator's odd results tantalise physicists

Puzzling particles

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Model, the theory that explains matter in terms of particles called quarks and gluons. But, perversely, they would also love to find a flaw in it. Science advances by making and breaking theories, so the longevity and resilience of the Standard Model is a kind of reproof. It implies that either the search for understanding is over - in which case physics is dying - or

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that physicists have not tried hard enough to find disproofs. So far, the Standard Model (invariably dignified with capital letters) has provided a tidy explanation for everything observed in experiments at particle accelera-

tors. Or nearly everything some odd observations at the European Centre for Particle Physics (CERN) have got theorists scratching their heads.

The puzzle began last year, says Professor Peter Dornan of Imperial College, when streams of electrons and positrons were being collided at energies of 130-135 billion electron volts. The team responsible, to which he belongs, were using a detector called ALEPH to scan the debris from the collisions, looking in particular for signs of decaying massive particles. They began to find unusual patterns that don't fit the Standard Model

In each case, the detector picked up four separate jets of mesons and similar particles emerging from the collision — the signature of a decaying massive particle created for an instant by the impact. The Standard Model predicts that certain kinds of particles would be produced, but some of the four-jet events this pattern.

The temptation was to dismiss these observations as a fluke which would disappear when more data was gathered. This was reinforced by the fact that three other detectors at CERN failed to see any peculiar events. But when the Large Electron-Positron collider (LEP) restaried late last year, at a higher energy, the events started popping up again. The signal was still there, he said. It's

Hawkes What could be the explanation? There are two prizes lying just out of reach of the current accelerators the Higgs Boson, a particle that is believed to be the basis of mass, and supersymmetry, a hypothetical state of nature in which known particles have massive partners yet to be discovered. Supersymmetry is seen by theorists as a possible successor to the Standard Model.

Unfortunately, the new observations are not clear evidence for either the Higgs Boson or supersymmetry. The ALEPH team has given its raw data to the teams responsible for the other detectors running on LEP and they are chewing it over. By the end of this month the LEP committee will produce a report indicating what, if anything, is going on. The next chance to run further experiments comes in June, when LEP restarts at even higher energies. The hope is to run it for a substantial period, perhaps a year, and gather five to ten times as much data. "That should enable us either to announce a discovery, or lay the whole thing to rest." says

How the honeybee operates by night



HONEYBEES have eyes comprising many small lenses which operate well by day but less efficiently at night. The aperture of each lens is too small to admit enough light to see well in dim conditions. Yet

It is easy to understand why they do this, says Dr Eric Warrant, of the University of Lund, in Sweden. It is cooler at night, which makes flying easier as bees need to shed the heat produced by the flight muscles. There is less competition, as most flower visitors fly by day. There is also less chance of encountering predators, and there may be advantages in

exploiting nectar around the clock. Harder to understand, however, is how they do it. With two German colleagues. Dr Warrant reports in the Proceedings of the Royal Society how the bees make the most of the available light. They add up the photons entering neighbouring lenses, effectively increasing the aperture; and they also add up photons arriving over a longer period of time
— equivalent to increasing the exposure time in a camera. This doesn't allow them to see as well as truly nocturnal insects in moonlight, but well enough.

Power plants steam up over geysers



GEYSERS seem to offer the ultimate free lunch - a source of steam or hot water that can be used to generate electricity
without needing to burn coal,
oil or gas. But power companies that have built geothermal plants to exploit the steam mal plants to exploit the steam

have sometimes been disappointed. At The Geysers, a geothermal field near Santa Rosa in California, steam production has dropped alarmingly fast — 10 per cent a year since the mid-1980s. Newly built plants have had to be demolished.

Now Drs Bruce Julian, of the US Geological Survey, and Gillian Poulger, of Durham University, have developed a way of monitoring steam reservoirs. They measure the variations in speed of two types of wave produced by earthquakes, the so-called P-waves and S-waves.

Using a network of 22 seismograph stations, they found that as the reservoir at The Geysers shrank, the N-waves tended to slow down. In Geophysical Research Letters, they suggest that the technique can be used to monitor the emptying of a reservoir. Of equal interest to power companies, it might also be used to find new reservoirs.

What happens when the Sun starts to boil

Solar activity is heading for a climax - to devastating effect. Report by Anjana Ahuja

artier this month, millions of television viewers in America saw pictures disapnear from their screens. It is suspected that Teistar 40i, an was under siege from one of nature's most violent out-bursts - a solar storm. Hours later, Telstar 401 was declared officially dead.

This could be a taste of things to come. The Sun, whose outbursts wax and wane over an II-year cycle, is heading for a climax at the turn of the century. During this peak, called a solar maximum, the surface of the star will erupt unpredictably, sending bursts of fire and energy racing into space. For the owners of thousands of satellites cruising the peaceful emptiness of space, the impli-cations are frightening. Satellites involved in communiprediction and even surveillance, could be in jeopardy.

What is more, the insurers of Telstar 401 have insisted they will not pay up if the satellite is confirmed to have fallen victim to a solar storm there is no protection, they say, against "acts of God". There is no absolute proof that an ejection from the Sun was responsible — just a few hours earlier, too early to make a connection with the same storm, the GOES 8 satellite. maifunctioned.

Until recently, the rhythmic rise and decline in the Sun's activity was of interest only to mlar scientists. The most obvious markers of the 11-year cycle are sunspots, dark blemishes whose appearance was first recorded by astronomers in Ancient China. These dark spots appear with greater frequency in the five or so years leading up to a solar maximum. At the maximum there can be several hundred

Aside from these features. the Sun can give the appearance of being a dormant entity. However, it has occasionally hinted at its hidden power. Outpourings from the Sun have been known temporarily to paralyse power net-works — during the last solar maximum in 1989 the whole of Quebec suffered a power blackout. These have happened because explosions on the Sun have spread into space and gone on to buffet the Earth's magnetic field.

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Space Agency, points out that

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atellites are now under threat from indement "space weather". "People are beginning to talk about this ssue," says Professor Clive Dyer, who heads the Spacecraft Environment and Protection department at the Defence Evaluation Research

Agency (DERA). The main probiem at solar maximum is the number of energetic charged particles speeding from the Sun, which can reach satellites in minutes. With modern microelectronics, just one illplaced particle can trigger a catastrophic current."

At other times, the electrons which stream steadily out into space can build up on the surfaces of satellites. When this build-up reaches a certain threshold, which can be millions of electronyolts, it discharges in a massive burst. "Electrostatic discharge can be enough to flip a switch, or, in extreme cases, burn out a component," Professor Dyer says. Indeed, in April last year, Dr Gordon Wrenn, also at DERA, concluded that many satellites are at risk from such discharges

while in orbit. Professor Dyer believes that things have not been helped by the extreme competitiveness between spacecraft manufacturers. He says: "Because of the decline of the defence industry, people are no longer using specially fabricated components which can withstand harsh environments. Instead, they are using smaller, mass-marketed components. These perform very well but there is a trade-off, which is higher vulnerability."

Dr Eamonn Daly, who leads the Spacecraft Environ-

As a result, the military has paid Nasa \$17 million (£1).3 million) to build a solar X-ray imager to be flown aboard a weather satellite in 1999. This will keep an eye on solar activity, and give warning of approaching radiation bursts. in a similar attempt to monitor space weather, Nasa

is building Ace, the Advanced Composition Explorer. Ace promises to give a "virtually failsafe one-hour advanced warning of severe geomagnetic storms". It is aimed at protecting Earth-based systems such as power grids. Sensitive equipment can then be shielded or turned off.

These are desperate measures. The real solution is to be able to predict storms days. rather than minutes or hours, in advance. With solar maximum approaching fast, and the Telster incident casting a menacing shadow, scientists know all too well that the countdown has begun.



Solar storms such as this are likely to play havoc with satellites and with delicate electronic equipment on Earth



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The Chaser Ones

In the privileged world of roval godenildren. Diana, Princess of Wales, is the trophy godmother Who are these children and how are they chosen? Jason Cowier reports

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troversial name on the list

(and one could hardly have predicated it when she was an

infant) is Marina Mowatt, erring daughter of Sir Angus Ogilvy and Princess Alexan-

dra, whose insouciant attitude to pregnancy outside wedlock



Alexandra Knatchbull, daughter of Lord and Lady Romsey, is one of the godehildren who provide an insight into the monarchy

the Portland Hospital clasping the little bundle whom we now know as Sulaiman Isa Khan, it is hardly surprising that the rumour swiftly spread that his godmother was to be Diana, Princess of Wales. True. Sulaiman and his perents are Muslim, a faith that explicitly prohibits godpar-ents, while the Princess's divorce has, presumably, left unaltered her allegiance to the Church of England. But in every other respect, she was the perfect trophy godmother for such a high-profile infant, with whose mother she had been photographed on her much-publicised visit to Pakistan, tripping into a Lahore restaurant modestly but fetchingly clad in glittering, roseoffice, however, moved swifty to quash the speculation, announcing: "The Princess has 17 godchildren, so that arena is

The role of godparent is a fascinating blend of the public and private. To agree to stand godparent to a child is, with exception of marriage, perhaps the most emphatic and self-revealing formal expression of intimacy and affection that it is possible to make. In doing so, one takes on not merely the moral and social responsibility for the child, but at the same time, forges a peculiarly close-knit — and indissoluble — alliance with

In years to come, historians vill regard the Royal Family's list of godchildren with fascination. For the bald list of names constitutes a remarkof monarchy — the ties of blood and affection and the complex web of alliances that constitutes that most secret of societies, the English court.

Among the senior members of the Royal Family, the Queen has 30 godchildren, the Prince of Wales 27, the Princess Royal ten. Prince Andrew eight, and Prince Edward seven. The Palace declines to supply in-formation on the subject of these children, regarding their identity as "private" — al-though the Anglican faith of which the Oueen is, and the Prince of Wales will eventually become, Defender is quite clear about the public nature of the commitment that a godparent makes at baptism.

o scan through the list of names — the Brabournes and Hickses and Knatchbulls, with their complicated interconnections of kindred and affinity - is to take a fascinating cross-section of British grandees - the sort who lies the vulgar glare of publicity and the gossip colas vampires eschew garlic. Among the children who can boast the signal — if possibly somewhat terrifying

- honour of Her Majesty as godmother are James 35-year-old son of her lady-in-waitchildren ing, Lady Susan Hussey, and her husband Marmaduke, the former Director-General of the BBC; Edwiabout such na Hicks, 35-year-David and Lady Pamela Hicks: and the 40-year-old

Queen's racing manager. The 11th Duke of Northumberland, who died of kidney failure in 1995, aged only 42, was also a godson of the Queen. Harry Percy, a descendant of Harry Hotspur who figured largely in Shakespeare's Henry IV, had led a somewhat eccentric life, hanging out with the likes of Valerie Campbell (mother of Naomi) and Barbara Carrera. a former Bond girl.

Earl of Carnarvon, the

The list of Prince Charles's zodehildren closely resembles his mother's in its aristocratic conservatism. Among a familiar sprinkling of the descen-dants of his adored mentor. Earl Mountbatten of Burma, are the twins Timothy and Nicholas Knatchbull (Nicholas died, aged 14, in the IRA explosion that also killed his grandfather, Lord Mountbuten) and the former model. India Hicks. Also on the list

decision to associate herself with the condition by her links half-sister to the Duchess of with Domenica can only help to raise its profile. Lady Tryon and Camilla Parker Bowles. He is also The cross-section of society godfather to his sister's son. Peter Phillips. The most con-

represented by the Princess's godchildren is startlingly at variance with the world of her ex-husband and his family. With its strong infusion of the media-friendly, the meritocratic and the solidly middleclass, it represents, ironically enough, precisely the fresher, more modern approach to the formation of the monarchy and the court that the Palace

The Queen holds David and Lady Pamela Hicks's child

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she is the only member of the

immediate Royal Family to have experienced, albeit brief-

ly, a relatively "ordinary" life
— sharing a flat in west

London and working in a

"She always sends cards

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House of Stuart than the highly re-spectable Mountbatten-Windsors, history of a kind, by being the first historians member of the Roywill regard al Family volunthe list with

tarily to appear in a tabloid newspaper. To compare these lists of blue fascination blood, old money, faithful courtiers and employees with the roster of Diana, Princess of Wales's,

17 godehildren is a fascinating exercise. For there, bassinet to bassinet with the children of European royalty (Prince Philippos, son of King Constantine of the Hellenes), British aristocracy (Lady Mary Wellesley, daugher of the Marquess of Douro), and the obligatory Mountbattens (Alerandra Knatchbull, daughter of Lord and Lady Romsey) are the children of people with such middle-class occupations as the media (Sir David Frost and Dominic Lawson), or finance (Audley Twiston-Davies), and the offspring of old friends from childhood such as Isabel Cazalet, and the Princess's early days in London, such as Carolyn

It is possible to perceive in one or two of the names on the list the faintest whiff of gesture godparenting. In

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when she was in growing conflict with Buckingham Palace, the Princess was apparently indignant at what she perceived as the snubs ad ministered by the palace to the Earl of St Andrews and his wife, Sylvana Tomaselli, a Canadian divorcée. Lord Porchester, heir to the When she stood godmother to their son, Lord Edward Downpatrick, he was the first

royal child in 150 years not to be permitted use of the royal christening robe, first worn by Edward VII. In 1989, with a subtly timed mains charger

visit to her newborn godson Jack, the son of Carolyn Bartholomew, the Princess conveyed her support for her friend and, by association, her broad agreement with the statements made in Andrew Morton's book. Diana: Her True Story, for which Carolyn had been one of the most valuable sources.

Her most recent godchild, Domenica, the daughter of the Hon Rosa Monckion, managing director of the jewellers Tiffany's, and Dominic Lawson. Editor of The Sunday Telegraph, suffers from Down's syndrome - a condition that her lather has debuted passionately and at length in the press. Whether con-

let mother of the Princess's goddaughter, Clare. asked her because she is very good with children and I've been close to her family for many years. She would have been the perfect person to have, even if she hadn't been who she was. Her sisters [Jane and Sarah] are godmothers to my other two children."

Christmas," says Isabel Caza-

As far as parents are concerned, the Princess undoubtedly represents the ultimate in trophy godmothers, but her warmth and natural affinity with young people are likely to make her a hit with the shildren, too. Her highly visible attempts at Alton Towers and elsewhere to ensure that her sons learn how to be ordinary boys as well as little princes argue a godmother with a highly developed sense of duty to provide her godchildren not just with moral guidance, but also with amusement - and, as they grow towards adulthood, a judicious dose of treats regarded as unsuitable by parents trips to the couture show for the girls, perhaps, and tete-atete dinners with the boys, in the true tradition of the elegantly racy godmother.

he children may not regard their celebrity godmother in quite the starry-eyed manner of their parents: "[Clare's] quite embarrassed about it, think," says Isabel Cazalet. "You know how it is with children. They prefer to remain anonymous, especially as other children can get lealous about such things. But the fact remains that the Princess's band of 17 godchilcross-section of the most highly privileged youngsters in Britain. The offspring of the great, the good, the powerful and the influential elite who still retain some claims to be the unelected rulers of the United Kingdom, they can expect in their turn to grow up to become among the most influential representa-

tives of the next generation. Scanning the list, it is impossible not to wonder what the future may hold for them. Perhaps. in 20 years' time, one of them may even find herself seated, as her godmother nevand presents at birthdays and er will, upon the throne.

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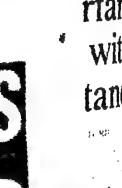
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Changing role through the ages

GODPARENTS have been a central part of the British family and social life for nearly 1,400 years and, surprisingly in a secular age. they remain an important part of many lives.

Godparents may do little more than turn up for the christening, make the necessary promises, give the occasional present and act in loco, parentis should their charge be orphaned. But many take_ an active role in the child's religious upbringing, sending cards and books, and praying on their behalf. Others might not be concerned with religion, but will develop a close relationship with the child.

The former Bishop of Leicester, Richard Rutt, pointed out in the only church report on the subject, that the influence of godparents is important in the life of the body of Christ". But for the post-Christian majority today, the social connection is what matters more.

Godparents have existed in some form since the earliest baptisms in the River Jordan, when their role was to present the candidates for baptism. Tertuilian, in the 2nd century, uses the Latin word sponsor, referring to the obligation to ensure that baptismal vows are fulfilled, and Justin Martyr mentioned the liturgical role of the baptismal sponsor.

The role of sponsors (godparents are often still referred to as sponsors in the church. in particular with adult baptisms), increased in importance after the age of martyrdom ended and infant haptisms increased in the 5th century. The words patrinus and matrina for godfather and godmother were in regular use by the 7th century. Besides presenting the candidate, they were also required to answer questions on their

spiritual and physical rela-tionships led to bizarre occurrences. In Saxon England laws existed demanding reparation to godparents as well as natural parents if a man was murdered. In one notorious case in the Middle Ages. church lawyers challenged a 20-year marriage on the ground that the wife was related spiritually to the hus-

band through a godparent.

The earliest evidence of the influence of social considerations comes from a church council at Lille in 1288, when it was forbidden to give any nts except a christening robe, because their cost had become so prohibitive. But by the mid-Victorian age, some parents would pay to acquire the godparents they wanted.

THE 1662 Book of Common Prayer required every child brought for baptism to have three godparents, with two of its own sex. Since 1969, children have been permitted one godparent of each sex, and parents may also stand with at least one other godparent. They should not only care for the children, but set an example of godly living.

In the baptism service they must promise to turn to Christ, repent of their sins and renounce evil.

Some still question whether the Church of England has moved on much further from the era when Dickens's Mrs Chick told Mr Dombey: "Godfathers, of course, are important in point of connection and influence." Evidence from the clergy suggests that awareness of the dangers of a wholly secular society is growing. Many who do baptise their children are concerned for their spiritual welfare when choosing godparents.

RUTH GLEDHILL

Lady Edwina Grosvenor: Born November 1981. Parents Duke and Duchess of Westminster. Her father is a

cousin of the Prince. Hon Alexandra Knotchbull: Born December 1982. Parents Lord and Lady Romsey. Clare Cazalet: Born July 1984. Parents Victor and isabel Cazalet.

Camilla Straker: Born March 1985, Parents Reuben and the Hon Sophie Straker. Sophie is the daughter of the life peer Lord Kimball.

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June 1986. Parents Jamie and Laura Lonsdale. Laura is a lady-in-waiting. Jakie Warren: Born August 1986. Parents John and Lady

Carolyn Warren. Lady Carolyn is the daughter of the Earl of Camarvon. Lady Mary Wellesley: Born December 1986. Parents

Marquess and Marchioness of Douro. The Marquess is heir to the Duke of Wellington. His wife, Antonia, is the daughter of HRH Prince Frederick von Preussen. George Frost Born April 1987. Parents Sir David and Lady Carina Frost, David

writer. His wife is the daugh ter of the Duke of Norfolk. Antonia Twiston-Davies: Born October 1987. Mr Twiston-Davies is director of Foreign & Colonial Man-

Jack Faulkner: Born August 1988. Parents Major Simon and isabel Faulkner. Lord Edward Downpatrick: Earl and Countess of St Andrews. Born December 1988. Out-of-favour royals whom the Princess with found a common bond. Jack Bartholomew: Born July 1989. Parents: William

and Carolyn Bartholomew.

Carolyn is a former flatmate

Benjamin Samuel: Born May 1989. Parents the Hon Michael and Julia Samuel. The Hon Michael is the youngest son of Viscount Bearsted. His wife is a member of the Guinness dynasty. Antonia Harrington: Born August 1991. Parents Mr and Mrs Jonathan Harrington.

of Diana. She is married to

the brewery heir.

Daisy Soames: Born April 1992. Parents the Hon Rupert and Camilla Soames, Rupert Soames is the brother of the Conservative MP Nicholas Scarnes.

Domenica Lawson: Born June 1995. Parents Dominic Lawson and the Hon Rosa Monckton.

THE QUEER'S GODCHIL BREE

she also became godmother to

THE Queen has 30 godchildren including Guy Nevill, the Hon Julian Hardinge and Lord O'Hagan. All born in 1945. The roll call includes Elizabeth King, born 1946; Rosemary Elizabeth Elphinstone, born 1947; Edward Hay, born 1949; the Hon Michael Knatchbull, born 1950, a grandson of Earl Mounthatten of Burma. During the 1950s she became godmother to Caroline Longman, born 1951: Elizabeth Colville, born 1952; Victoria Ann Rhodes, born 1953. In 1953, she also became godmother to the Duke of Northumberland, the late Henry Percy. In that decade,

Lady Virginia Fitzroy, born 1954, daughter of the Duke of Grafton; George Porchester, born 1956, son of Lord Porchester, now the Earl of Carnarvon: and the 6th Earl Granville, born 1959. During the 1960s, her godchildren included her nephew Viscount Linley, born 1961; Edwina Hicks, a granddaughter of Lord Mountbatten, born 1961; Katharine Somervell, born 1961, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Somervell: James Hussey, born 1961, the son of Marmaduke and Lady Susan Hussey; and Charles Althorpe, now Earl Spencer. born 1964.

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Tom Parker Bowles is one of Prince Charles's godchildren

PRINCE CHARLES'S GODCHILDREN

godchildren include Timothy Knatchbull and his late brother Nicholas, twin sons of Lord and Lady Brabourne; Marina Mowart, daughter of the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and Princess Alexandra: India Hicks, daughter of interior designer David Hicks and his wife Lady Pamela Hicks, daughter of Lord Mountbatten; Lord Nicholas Windsor, son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent; James Laing, son of diplomat Stuart Laing and his wife Sibella: Alexander, Earl of Ulster, son of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester; Tom Parker Bowles, son of Andrew

THE Prince of Wales's 27

and Camilla Parker Bowles: Charles Tryon, eldest son of Lord and Lady Tryon: Edward Tollemache, eldest son of Lord and Lady Tollemache: Peter Phillips, son of Captain Mark Phillips and the Princess Royal; Eliza Ferguson, daughter of the Duchess of York's father. Major Ronald Ferguson, and his wife Susan. Prince Philippos, son of King Constantine II and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes. Most recently. Charles was godfather to Princess Maria-Olympia, daughter of Prince Pavlos and Princess Marie-Chantal of Greece.

Pointing children towards the path of God

ne godfather died of drink. The other I was delighted to discover for the first time, more than 50 years after the christening, in South Africa. But both had given me generous christening presents and however tenuous the relationship, they remained my godfathers,

Sometimes that relationship can be crucial. Adolescents going through a stormy patch and finding both parents difficult — or being difficult, perhaps in the midst of a painful divorce — have someone metide the family turnoil to whom they outside the family turmoil to whom they can turn in crisis. There is a relationship there, then and later in life, on which the godchild can draw.

There is, of course, a religious basis to this, as clergy sometimes have to point out to parents seeking baptism for their child. "Padre, is it all right if one of the godparents is Jewish?" I gently have to tell them that to put our good Jewish friends in a position of having to say "I turn to Christ" as the Alternative Service Book requires, is to put them in a false position. The promises a godparent has to make on behalf of the child are stark and

uncompromising. In addition to turning to

Christ, they have to say "I repent of my sins" and "I renounce evil", as well as putting their trust in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

That may be one reason why people find the wonderful language of the Book of Common Prayer easier. It can all be distanced, like a bit of Shakespeare: Dost thou, in the name of this child, renounce thou, in the name of this child, renounce the Devil and all his works, the vain, pomp and glory of the world, with all coverous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

In practice, for a conscientious godparent, this means regular prayer for the godchild. It means a genuine concern for their spiritual growth, as well as their human wellbeing. The difficulties and joys of belief will come up quite naturally in conversation. It might be expressed in a judiciously chosen book. Obviously if a godparent has little faith or commitment the product of the commitment of the control of the co themselves, they have little to share or pass on to their godchild.

All this can come to a happy climax in the Confirmation, when the promises made on behalf of the child at the baptism are made by the person themselves. But it would be a strange godparent who ceased to care or pray for their godchild at that point.

At the beginning of the Service of saptism for Children, the duties of godparents are spelt out. Children need help so that they learn to be faithful in public worship and private prayer, to live by trusting God, and come to Confirmation.

Parents and godparents, the children whom you have brought for baptism depend chiefly on you for the help and encouragement they need. Are you willing to give it to them by your prayers, by your example, and by your teaching?

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Love at first sight, or is it a moray?

The grapevine has been quiet-ly buzzing about them for months, but little is known about Eels. They come from Echo Park, Los Angeles. There are three of them, called only Butch (drums). Tommy (bass) and E (guitar and keyboards). They look like losers but can all sing well. Their debut single, a sorrowful but wonderfully loopy song called Novocaine for the Soul, is released today, and this was one of their first shows in

this country.

"People of London and the United Kingdom, we mean you no harm." E announced reassuringly. A geeky character with a long chin and thick-rimmed spectacles, he looked more like a library assistant than a rock star. He picked up a phone. "I'm kinda busy right now, trying to rock London," he told his imaginary connection before performing Susan's House

Set to a gentle hip hop beat, the song detailed a catalogue of inner city woes - There's a crazy old woman smashing bottles on the sidewalk where her house burnt down two years ago" — that stirred feelings of both sadness and warmth

While Britain has turned its back on most standard forms of post-grunge rock, we still have a soft spot for American eccentrics with a winning way with words

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and tunes. As the three Eels worked their way through a succession of songs and instruments ("Yes, it's a banjo," E announced as he strapped one on to play Flower). it became clear that they are very much a part of this lovable oddball tradition, an impression which was not dispelled by a spiky rearrangement of Sophie B. Haw-kins's Damn I Wish I Was Your

They tended to meander during some of the very quiet songs, but pulled the show back into focus with a performance of Novocaine for the Soul that sounded much harder than the recorded version. and a storming Rags to Rags. during which Tommy abandoned his bass in favour of an African drum and set up a rattling percussion dialogue with the mighty Butch.
The massive climax to Not

Ready Yet, which ended in a dense hail of feedback effects, confirmed the slippery muscle of these engag-

DAVID SINCLAIR

The making of the Grade first met Michael Grade in his high office surveying London from the South Bank in 1977. Stanley Banter, nicking football from the BBC, and generally giving LWT a profile for fun, style and profit. I regretted his decision

He had been asked by John Birt to finalise details - to put the ash on the cigar — of the move I had decided to make from the BBC to LWT. Michael Grade looked very much as he does today - eagerly sitting on the edge of his chair, encouraging, funny. He did not seem a natural arts man given the showbiz glitz of his background, but that surface, as sometimes happened to Michael's disadvantage, was misleading. I could have had no stauncher supporter.

When the programme had its inevitable British critical baptism of fire he kept smiling, railed amiably against our critics and urged on what we had done, especially the programmes on classical music, opera and ballet which (I ought to have sensed from the beginning) he knew a lot about. Most importantly for me he waved on the unwieldy package of arts which I wished to deliver in the one programme, from popular music to grand opera.

He was, overall, a marvellous advocate for John Birt's factual operation at LWT. An enthusiast, a lewer, a writer of welcome notes of approval and, occasionally, of sting notes of disagreement. But he could also be seen urging on the then outrageously lavish

to leave to work in Hollywood and perhaps in retrospect he might too, although I suspect he is an Edith Piaf man. When he came back he certainly hurled himself first into the BBC and then into Channel 4.

There was much binding among the broadcasters when he got to Channel 4. At the time I wrote at length defending him, pointing particularly to his devotion to the anti-Grade feeling at the time that what I wrote provoked its own opposition because, it seemed, some people did not want Michael Grade at Channel 4 at any price and they were not prepared to

His achievements for Channel 4, well recorded over the past week, confounded the pessimists. They did not entirely still the critics of whom, ironically only a year ago, I became one. In Michael's zeal to retrieve, as he saw it, the full Channel 4 measure of income from advertising (which meant ending ITV's previous umbrella arrangement with Channel 4) he hit out strongly against ITV programmes. This went on a bit. I said to him once or twice privately that those of us who worked on Prime Suspect, Cracker or World



In Action, the News at Ten or The South Bank Show, and in the Regions, were increasingly fed up with being told that we worked on a dreadful downmarket channel. Typical of the evangelist Michael is, he persisted. It was clearly unfair and it narked several of us and we hit back. A TV channel is as easy to find fault with as a newspaper, a novel, a politician or a member of the royal, or indeed

your own, family. Michael and I fell out over this for a while, which I regretted. By that time, perhaps, he was raw to criticism, having been dubbed "the Pornographer in Chief". The phrase had begun to tag him as maddeningly as a cruel schoolboy's tin tied to a dog's tail. It was and is very unfair, although I was not an admirer of The Word or The Girlie Show among others. But this was not pornography. It was a deliberate attempt at best as with the homosexual and lesbian essays — to stretch and educate public taste. Such an attempt is bound to backlire from time to time. But for a man of Michael Grade's sense of honour to be saddled as Chief Pornographer was, I suspect, intolerable for him and may well have proved decisive in hringing about his rather sudden departure from

n the other hand he has stayed in no job for longer than nine years and perhaps that is the nature of the man. He leaves Channel 4 in fine financial shape. He has Pied Pipered the advertisers in a quite extraordinary way. Of all the channels it is the freest to go now for new talent and nourish it, which is the best part of broadcasting. He has seen off the privatising pirates, for the moment anyway, although they may be hiding behind the headland of an election, and he has also left a gaping hole as Jeremy Isaacs did before him.

The runners and riders are now being geed up in several columns across the press. So what is the Identikit of the possible winner? Someone, necessarily, who can personify the channel and take it through the media to the audiences, the advertisers and opinion-makers as both Michael and Jeremy did. Someone who is experienced in the television business, perhaps, but there are other parallel businesses which could provide a contender: the theatre, the cinema and newspapers are each offering one obvious candi-

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date at the moment. Deep knowledge of Channel 4 itself could be a persuasive factor and the internal candidate is undoubtedly a strong one. Politics are now woven into the carpet of television and your new man or woman would have to be a convincing advocate in those ur-gent and demanding Westminster corridors and committee rooms.

A track record of variety and clout simply has to be there for the best programme-makers to pitch in and follow because if they do not and the competition for their talent is intensifying by the month
— then Channel 4 will soon lose its distinction, its remit and probably its unique funding.

A three-pipe problem then for Sir Michael Bishop and his board. Luckily they have Michael Grade with them for the next few months until they decide to let the smoke

CONCERTS: A Schubert marathon: Järvi at the CBSO

Epic birthday party



Devised by the planist András Schiff, whose own elegant playing was a main-stay of the evening, the concert ranged widely and by no means predictably across the vast quantity of chamber music, Lieder and choral Schubert before his death at 31. For me, the highlights because they seemed to capture the all-encompassing generosity and warmth of Schubert's music — came towards the end.

The remarkable baritone Thomas Quasthoff poured his heart into six Lieder, including an urgent Erlkönig and a wonderfully screne An die Musik. Beautifully shadowed by the horn-player Radovan Vlatković, the tenor Christoph Pregardien sang the lovely Auf dem Strom with the honeyed tone that had sometimes eluded him in an earlier group of

And, most poignantly of all, Angelika Kirchschlager, a young Austrian mezzo who surely has a big future, joined and valedictory account of Ständchen under Stephen Cleobury's direction. Kirchschlager may not yet colour subtlety; nevertheless, she also sang four Lieder with enough

phony Orchestra surely must have known when it offered Paavo Järvi the post of principal guest conductor was that he had great potential for develop-ment. What it certainly did not know is that a year later it would be offering the post of principal conductor to an even younger musician from a not dissimilar Scandinavian background, and with a special interest in much the same area of the repertoire.

Clearly, the Oramo/Järvi combination is not ideal for an orthestra that would like to get the most out of its conductor hierarchy in terms of ence. But the CBSO cannot regret having contracted a principal guest conductor who has developed so much in authority in the few years it has known him. Järvi's latest concert in Symphony Hall



Schubert a Wigmore Hall celebration for his bicentenary

famous young mezzo. Cecilia Bartoli, decided not to honour Schubert with an appearance... If Schiff and Brune Canino had seemed cool in three of the Grand Marches for Piano Duet, they probed more deeply the superb Fantasy in F Minor — one of the last pieces that Schubert wrote, and a work that seems to burst out of its piano-duet skin and take on dark and daring symphonic proportions. The great String Quartet in G. D887, has a similarly epic scale, with its

turbulent and barely resolved tussles between major and minor tonalities and its jittery tremolandos. And the Takacs Quartet certainly gave it a restless interpretation. emphasising its nightmarish quality with feverish changes

Colour harmony CBSO/Jarvi

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ent and precise in technique and brilliantly well calculated in structural strategy. Equally impressive was the

quality of the CBSO's partner-ship with Truls Mark, the soloist in Prokoliev's late and problematic Sinfonia Concertante for cello and orchestra, Op 125. No mere concerto, as its title indicates, it requires not only a close relationship between conductor and sololat but also an orchestra as well prepared in details of colour and articulation and as positive in virtuoso presence as

modern range of timbres. Not everything came off, and this certainly wasn't a reading to appeal to listeners who put a premium on perfect intonation or luscious tone. But in an evening of rather suave music-making, the Takacs did at least hint at a very different side of Schubert: the haunted, lonely figure who knew poverty, despair, illness and almost continuous professional failure - and yet whose sublime song never faltered. On his 200th birthday, we saluted not only genius but courage. Schubert turned his humanity shining like a

> RICHARD MORRISON

the cellist himself. Given those things, together with a soloist who not only plays the notes impeccably but who also knows what they mean in the long term, the Sinfonia Concertante emerges as something akin to the coherent and spontaneous inspiration which, as a matter of histori-

cal fact, it isn't. If there was nothing spe-cially atmospheric about Jarvi's account of Debussy's Prélude à l'Après-milli d'un faune, his interpretation of Sibelius's Third Symphony in C was an uncommonly interesting achievement. The recently fashionable view of the work as a pale pastoral is clearly not for him. His idea seems to have been to enrich it with colour and to build it into something as impressive as the Second or Fifth. It lost a little in grace and freshness in the process, but it did live up to the case which he so eagerly

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still just that. Anna Kythreotis reports

eanne Moreau had not heard about Stephen Dorrell's gaffe when, during a speech at the Cannes Film Festival two years ago, the then Heritage Minister referred to the president of the jury as "the distinguished Frenchman Monsieur Jean Moreau". "He is a chauvinist pig," Moreau responds crisply. "You mean that never could he imagine the presi-

dent of the jury could be a woman?" Not exactly. Rather that the Heritage Minister was rather unqualified for the job. Moreau can top that: "I was making a film in Russia just before the Wall fell, and I was introduced to the Minister of Culture who told me that until the previous day he had been in charge of the railways." Moreau's laughter is adequate comment on such

For their benefit, then: Moreau is the veteran of more than a hundred films - and, if some have been undistinguished ("Taxes," she shrugs), others, most memorably Les Amants and Jules et Jim. have become part of the fabric of cinema. As the muse of Malle, Truffaut, Bunuel, Antonioni, Welles and the other leading Young Turks of the nouvelle vague, Moreau became the most potent symbol of that freespirited movement, unsettling audiences with her frank sexuality and insouciance.

The screen legend bristles at the word "career". "I've never thought in terms of career, I've never made plans. If I've made the films I've made it's because of meeting the

people I've met."

Her latest fluid, The Proprietor, is, the result of meeting Ismail Merchant three years ago, after which the producer could not stop thinking about her and was driven, like so many others before him, to create a mini for her. He conceived





screenplay and directed the picture, his second feature film as a director after the Urder Language in Custo-dy. Moreau, characteristically, agreed to the unspecified project even before there was a dearly defined part. "I am never attracted by parts, only by people," she says.

the story, collaborated on the each time, it touched something screenplay anti-directed the picture, his second feature film as a director knows about human beings, human dilemmas. It's when things are not sure that they may be the most exciting. The easiest thing in the world is to say 'no'."

· But she does not want to talk about the pair, or the film she inspired. She has been inflamed by id

a newspaper report in which Michelle Pleiffer observed that as Mend Streep and Jessica Lange (both approaching 50) are still making films, she can hope for a few more years of screen work. "A" young actress practically at the ing of her career and she thinks like that. Who put that crazy

law?" demands Moreau, her cigarette-scorched voice rasping with disapproval. Ageing is marvellous because with it vanity goes away. The omnipresent strength of the ego is erased - no, it can never be entirely crased, diminished."

More than 50 years after making ber stage debut with the Comédie-

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been defined by the parts she has-

the attention of three men - her former husband, a former lover.

and a young admirer.

To a large extent, Moreau's enduring image as the quintessential Frenchwoman - cerebral, scnsuous, enigmatic, intense - has played, although she claims not to identify with her characters. Nevertheless, they haunt her. "They dig inside of you and bring out things you might not have known or thought of, feelings you didn't know were there. I can never discard them. I have always said that once a film is finished you're. not the same as when you started, if you did it properly."

erchant decided to cast her as a writer before he knew about her fascination with books, a passion that began when she was a child growing up without them. "I loved books, but had to hide in order to read — reading was considered a great sin, worse than having sex." Perhaps it was her choice of literature; by the age of II she had done most of the French classics, including Zola.

Subsequently, many of the leading literary figures of the 20th century — Gide, Mairaux, Cocteau, Hemingway, Henry Miller — be-came her friends, Her edgency, she says, stems from her association with them and their works. It makes you more demanding, not easily satisfied. I want everything to be, not perfect, but exact and precise and clean. Like great writing."

Moreau has written and directed two films, Lumière and L'Adolescente, and is currently at work on her third, an adaptation of Joyce Carol Oates's novel, Solstice. She contributed a lyrical introduction to Merchant's account of the genesis of their film, Once Upon a Time, (published by Bloomsbury), and has been working intermittently on what she describes as a dictionnaire subjectif, an alphabetical list of words and the memories and ideas they evoke.

It is not, she insists, an autobiography, which she has no intention of writing. "How can I write about my life," she asks, "when I am still living it?"

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Rise and fall of the surname

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Towadays, when I have to telephone someone I don't know in a media organisation or PR firm, and I give my name. I hear the instant reply: "Hello, Derwent!" Surnames are out.

Among young people, they are even more out. My children tell me that they know the surnames of hardly any of their wide circle of Iriends. When they introduce acquaintances to each other, they would find it as bizarre to say their surnames as their parents would to leave the surnames out. Christian names, first names and nicknames are what they know

and live with. So the surname has had quite a brief life. It began in the 12th and 13th centuries. when lawyers and tax collectors needed to add something to all the Johns and Williams they were dealing with in order to distinguish them. They wrote them down as Johannes filius Roberti, William Marysone, or Geoffrey

Poorer people, with whom officials at first transacted very little business, acquired surnames only in the l6th century. And to this day it is still a mystery how the heredi-

tary or family sur-name developed. How did Williamson become a famfurther generations were not sons of a William? We do

not know. The heyday of the

surname was, I think, roughly the century from the 1850s to the 1950s. The schools, the Army and name the Navy, the growing Civil Service ... all stuck firmly and grimly to surnames in masculine dealings in those generations. Even nov-elists followed them: Joseph

"Marlowe". Moreover, surnames could be doubled up. When a girl from an impoverished gentry family made a marriage with a thriving nouveau riche entrepreneur, their two surnames were added together

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and hyphenated. It suited both parties. The old family name survived in front and the new man at the end got a boost. The resulting name was also, for several generations, a formidable social weapon, creating awe among many possessors of a mere single surname. Rightly, it came to be called a

"double-barrelled" name. Before and just after the last war, the second or third generation of some of these hyphenated families practically took over the arts world in Britain. There was Desmond Shawe-Taylor the music critic. Philip Hope-Wallace the theatre critic, Rupert Hart-Davis the publisher, John Pope-Hennessy the art expert and his wild writer-brother James, Edmund Penning-Rowsell the claret sage... one could go on. They were a terrible nuisance to editors of weekly magazines with narrow columns, their names taking up three lines with an ugly hyphen in one of them. Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd goes on causing the same

The hyphenated name produced other difficulties, too. When he was a left-wing poet in the Thirties. Cecil Day-Lewis discreetly dropped his hyphen, but when he became Poet Laureate, he put it back again. Tony Benn has dropped the "Wedgwood" in his name, but that is a traditional haptismal name in his family, not part of a surname.

The surname still reigned supreme in schools after the Second World War. The obituaries editor of The Times, Anthony Howard, has told me that when he was in a house play at Westminster in the late 1940s, the schoolboy producer had a programme printed which gave the full Christian name and surname of the actors. When the house master saw it, he fell into a rage. He had all the programmes reprinted, with the names in the form of "How-

There are current rearguard actions in defence of the surname, especially in the United States. A book recently ap-peared there called Surnames for Women, by Susan J. Kupper. This is a help-book for women who want to keep

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> "Ranwood", which sounds like one of those house names popular in the Thirties. Another couple have adopted the surname "Ailanthus" because it is the name of "a tough, common tree, and doesn't sound cutesy", they

swimming against the tide, However, when I was teaching in Indonesia some years ago, I had several Javanese students who had only one, given name, and I saw European history beginning to repeat itself.

One of my best students signed himself "Noegroho A.N." and I asked him what the initials stood for.

"I added them myself," he said, "because I thought that it sounded better. They mean anak Noegroho" — son of Noegroho, which is also my father's name." There was filius Roberti all over again.

Here, however, students are firmly set in the opposite direction. I doubt if Swampy. lan and Muppet Dave, while protesting down the Devon tunnels, had any idea of what other names their fellows

could claim. An older generation may deplore the loss. Men used to like the way in which surnames gave way to Christian names only as a friendship grew closer ("Er . . . why don't you call me George?"). But as the new generation grow older, they will experience one undoubted benefit. If they become as dreadful at forgetting people's names at parties as their parents are, at least they will have 50 per cent less to try to remember.

Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew has his critics. But his country is becoming more British than Britain

These days, the overseas Chinese may be better at being British than the British. Both Hong Kong and Singapore are Anglo-Chinese cities; the people are largely Chinese, but the culture has been conditioned historically by the British connection, rather as Europe's culture was shaped by the Roman Empire. These Chinese cities have greataken modern British part have overtaken modern Britain, not just in wealth but in energy of response. Both enjoy safe streets. Singapore has kept out the Triad gangs. Both have succeeded in com-bining Chinese entrepreneurial vig-our with British standards of legality

and freedom from corruption. This year Hong Kong will pass into Chinese sovereignty. No one can tell how long the virtuous aspects of British culture will survive. Singapore has been independent since 1965; those elements of British culture that survive do so because Singapore's people have chosen to keep them.

The two cities are very different. Hong Kong is a bustling place, always crowded, hyperactive, the Manhattan of Asia. Singapore is a larger island with a more tropical larger island with a more tropical climate; calmer, easier, more polite and thoughtful. If Hong Kong is like New York, Singapore is like a tropical Boston, Indeed, Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, recently said he hoped to make Singapore "the Poster of the Facet." Boston of the East".

The Straits Times last Saturday had an interview with Cham Tao Soon, the President of Nanyang Technological University, which is about the same size as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He argued that his university and the separate National University of Singapore "can try to be a Harvard of Asia, a dominant hub of learning in this region ... Other universities in Asia are not as good. Tokyo University is eminent but it is a finishing school type of situation. It is hard to An Anglo-Chinese economic miracle

get in, but once you are in, you don't have to work hard."

The three million people of Singapore are probably better educated than the 60 million or so people of Britain. I asked one young Singapore Chinese worker whether he, like the Hong Kong Chinese, spoke Manda-rin or Cantonese. He replied that he spoke four languages: the southern Chinese dialect of his parents' original province; Mandarin, which he had learnt for 12 years at school: English (perfectly); and Malay. It is not usual in Britain for students to graduate from secondary school

speaking four languages.

In Singapore as in South Africa, the father of the nation, Lee Kuan Yew, the senior minister, is still alive. He does of course have his critics, notably including the lawyer and op-position politician Tang Siang Hong, against whom Lee Kuan Yew has

recently filed four law suits.
The US State Department in its annual report on human rights says the Singapore Government "generally respected the human rights of its citizens" but that "the Government continued to intimidate opposition politicians and their parties". Like Nelson Mandela. Lee Kuan Yew combines being a world statesman with being a tough practical politician.

When I saw him last Friday, I asked about Mr Tang. Mr Lee argued that this was "a very special case" and that Mr Tang was a "well-known Chinese chauvinist of extreme views".

What seems to be clear is that the Singapore Government makes a sharp distinction between opposition criticism of policy which is freely made and freely reported and what it regards as attacks on the system it-self. That is rather like the distinction Margaret Thatcher made in the 1980s between the Labour Party and Arthur

Lee Kuan Yew's People's Action Party has long had an overwhelming majority in parliament and the Sing-apore system is undoubtedly support-

William Rees-Mogg

ed by a large majority of the public. In casual political conversations, one finds that Lee Kuan Yew is not regarded by the citizens of Singapore as a dictator, even as a benevolent dictator, but as the architect of a prosperous and harmonious society. Most seemed to admire what he has done. They have come in the past 30 years from poverty to prosperity and are grateful for a standard of living higher than Britain's.

The Singapore system is in essence the opposite of the British welfare state, and not by accident. When Lee London, he had arrived as a socialist. His experience converted him to a belief that personal responsibility backed by the family should be the

around compulsory saving and the principle of personal responsibility. Health, housing and pensions are largely paid for out of the personal accounts of the compulsory savings system; they have built up personal properties of the personal personal accounts. invested capital on a huge scale in Singapore to an extent unmatched anywhere else in a property-owning democracy. Tony Blair and Peter Mandelson have both visited Singapore and discussed the Central Provident Fund that has given Singa-

basis for social welfare. In Singapore

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In health, the State pays for hospitals and their equipment, but individuals have to contribute to the cost of treatment out of their medicare savings accounts. Their medical treatment is the same, but the level of convenience is different. If a patient chooses to enter a hospital in the C class, he or she will pay 20 per cent and the State 80 per cent. C class is what in Britain would be called a public ward; by Singapore standards most of the NHS is a C class service. There are two B-class levels of conrenience — 40 per cent and the other 60 per cent cost to the patient's medicare savings. There is an A class with a private room and a telephone, in which the patient pays 100 per cent of

the cost of the treatment. The result has been a well-funded health service, in which a means test is applied by self-selection. Absolutely free care is available for those with no money, but fewer than 1 per cent use it because it loses face for the family.

The personal account system has made many of the poorer people into substantial capital owners. An ordinary worker in a manual job can reach the state of owning a house valued at £100,000 to £150,000, with £50,000 of investments and £10.000 in his medicare fund; at middle ment level, one could double

hen he was a student, Lee Kuan Yew decided that the British health service. which was free to everybody, in-volved an unlimited liability that would "kill" Singapore. From the be-ginning, he told the people of Singa-pore that equality of outcome was an impossible objective, but it was the aim of politicians with "a soft heart and a soft head". At the same time, he committed Singapore to complete equality in terms of race, religion and

language.
Janadas Devan, reviewing for The Straits Times Stanley Wolpert's new life of Pandit Nehru, another charismatic Asian father of a nation, made a comment characteristic of Singapore. "It is extraordinary," he wrote, how many of Asia's great revolutionaries of the first half of this century became failures once in power. Mao Tse-tung frogmarched his people from one calamity to another; Sukarno became the pantaloon of the non-aligned world; Nehru spent 17 years as Prime Minister of India depleting the promise of Indian independence."

Thirty-two years after indepen-dence. Lee Kuan Yew's work in building a smaller nation looks much more solid and much more

The lure of the local

Peter Riddell asks: Are the Lib Dems up to Ashdown's ambitions?

addy Ashdown has always wanted the Liberal Democrats to be more than a party of local government, and to But that strategy is now under threat. Tony Blair has simultaneously offered the opportunity of a more broadly based centre-left politics and presented a powerful new electoral challenge to the national ambitions of the Liberal Democrats. That has exposed the central-local

dilemma. The rebuilding of the party under Mr Ashdown since the Liberal-SDP merger in 1988 has rested on its local successes, which really started when Sir David Steel was leader between 1976 and 1988. By contrast, the advances under Jo Grimond (1956-67) and Jeremy Thorpe (1967-76) were essentially parliamentary, and short-lived. But during the 1990s the Liberal Democrats have become the second party of local government in

> Most activists have understandably concentrated on council activities — where many control large budgets — rather than the generally remote hope of electing an MP. For them, May I is the most important political date this year, regardless of whether the general election is held then, because the party will be defending its sweeping gains in the county elections of 1993. Any parlia-mentary successes will be a happy bonus, but a priority in only a few target seats. That has never been enough for Mr Ashdown, or his allies. At the last conference, Menzies Campbell said he had the impression that "some of our thousands of councillors regard control of the local authority as a greater prize [than



Mr Ashdown's national ambinions have produced tensions with the diverse local strategies. He recently told council leaders that he could never promise not to do or say anything that might cause them problems somewhere in England. Though the party, in much of rural southern England, has supplanted Labour as the main challenger to the Tories, the Liberal Democrats and Labour are bitter rivals in the big cities of the North. Liz Lynne in Rochdale and her neighbour, Chris Davies, have been most vigorous in opposing any hint of an agreement with Labour. The strong pro-European stance of the leadership can also conflict with the need to win over Cornish fishermen and Devon farmers who are hostile to Brussels. A sizeable minority of party activists, as well as voters, takes a

BODELL ON MONDAY

Blairite Labour Party. Not only is the Liberal Democrats' poll rating a half to two thirds of the level before Mr Blair's election, but deserters from the party since 1992 have broken seven to one in favour of Labour. This could prevent the rise in Liberal Democrat votes and MPs seen on the last two occasions when the Tories lost office, in 1964 and February 1974. Party strategists seem reconciled to winning less than the 18 per cent share of 1992, but they regard the 11 per cent shown by the latest MORI poll as artificially low and argue that it should be boosted by the publicity of a campaign.

More important, however, is the targeting of resources into a lew

dozen winnable seats together with tactical voting (switching behind whichever party can beat the incumbent). This should mean the party has more MPs for any given share of the national vote. Local elections suggest that it is winning more seats per vote and is doing better in target seats than before the 1992 election.

But the party still has to win a sufficiently large share of the overall vote to give targeting and tactical voting a chance to counteract a national swing in favour of Labour. No one is sure what the threshold is, but, at a guess, the party probably needs to win at least 15 per cent nat-ionally to be sure of retaining the 20 seats that it won in 1992, let alone to make gains. Mr Ashdown wants nat-ional influence to achieve electoral reform not least as a protection against the unpopularity which the Liberals

daughter of the former Irish na-tionalist MP Bernadette Devlin.

Miss McAliskey is in Holloway

prison awaiting extradition to Germany to stand trial concerning last year's morter bomb attack on the British base at Osnabrück.

have always suffered when a Labour government becomes unpopular. Despite occasional bursis of frus-

tration, Mr Ashdown is remarkably resilient and believes there is an opportunity to be distinctive from Labour in view of what he sees as Gordon Brown's implausible caution on tax and public spending. Mr Ashdown argues that voters would sup-port a limited tax increase for, say, schools if they could be sure that the money would be properly spent. Ideas are being floated about a taxpayers charter setting out where money is spent and possibly also a ballot form allowing people to vote on certain options on tax and spending. MIT ASROOWN DEMIDERAMENTALLY LIKE a blunt approach, but some activists are falling into the trap of trying to appear more left-wing than Labour, hardly a way to win former Tory supporters in the South West.

efations with Labour have cooled a little, despite close co-operation in the Commons. Mr Blair generally gets on well with Mr Ashdown but questions whether some other MPs are really serious about the hard choice of politics and is irritated by what he regards as Liberal Demo-crat self-righteousness. Mr Blair also resented what he saw as a "bounce" a month ago in leaks about talks between the parties on how constitutional ... reform would be implemented. Mr Blair has refused to shift from his position that he is "not persuaded" of the case for electoral reform. Vague talk of a joint statement on priorities for government has disappeared.

After the election, a coalition or

even a formal agreement is unlikely. not least because of internal Liberal Democrat opposition. More likely is an evolving relationship starting with discussions on priorities like Scottish devolution. Everything will depend on the number of MPs. A Labour landslide and fewer than 20 Liberal Democrat MPs would make the party irrelevant. That would also probably mark the end not only of Mr Ashdown's leadership but also of his national ambitions - with a likely reaction in favour of a town hall strategy.

Wrong rights

CONJUGAL rights for prisoners revenge. Noticing that the tax disc may be the issue that prevents on his car was out of date, they John Prescott from ever usurping Jack Straw as Home Secretary in a Labour government, as many in Westminster believe he would sorely like to do. According to Colin Brown's new biography of Labour's deputy leader, Prescott's support for free love in jail has

made him the prison warder's foe. The sight of cons conjoining with their spouses has always been enough to make a screw slam down his dinner tray. In 1976, however, as MP for Kingston upon Hull, the ever-conscientious Prescott thought it a disgrace that prisoners were denied marital sex.

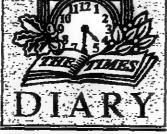
"Sexual deprivation," he told the Labour Government of the day. "must surely constitute one of the worst and particularly most harmful aspects of loss of liberty. These are processes which produce frustration and tension.

When the prisoners heard of his campaign. Prescott instantly became a prison pin-up. For the warders, however, he was a troublemaker. So when he turned up at his local jail one day to expound on his sex-for-all theme, they took

tipped off the police, and Prescott was duly fined.

 News of the death of Godfrey Baseley, creator of The Archers and tricycle rider, was quick to reach The Bull at Inkberrow in Worcestershire, inspiration for The Bull at Ambridge. "We just heard." said the barman, "but we'll have to think how to commemorate him."





Over at the Vernon Arms in nearby Hanbury, the model for the Cat and Fiddle, Graham Cooper, the owner said: "Lots of people in the village knew Mr Baseley and they'll be drinking to him later."

Hard focus

EVEN THE most revisionist of English historians will be made to look like intellectual weaklings when Shekhar Kapur, the Indian film director, tackles his next subject. Kapur made his name with the shocking film Bandit Queen, a true ish story, which featured endiess gang rapes and mental and physical abuse. Now he has been signed to direct a big-budget Brit-ish film about Elizabeth I. If his

As Stanley Gibbons was to stamps, so Lord Skidelsky is to think-tanks. He has just secured a hefty grant for work to start at his new Centre for Post Collectivist Studies, the international arm of his London-based Social Market Foundation. The CPCS will link up with think-tanks in Moscow, Boston and Washington to devel-op grand schemes for Skidelsky's pet regions of Eastern Europe. In

ture of 16th-century life.

between all this, and furious games of ping-pong, he has just begun work on the last volume of his shelfbusting biography of Keynes.

Flat stats

SINGING from the same hymn sheet is proving difficult for even the most senior Tories. Take two letters sent by the Prime Minister and the party chairman to their respective Cambridgeshire consti-tuencies. Huntingdon and Peterborough. John Major writes: Thanks to increased government funding, Cambridgeshire's Police Authority . . . is set to have 83 more police officers in just one year." Yet according to Brian Mawhinney, Thanks to increased government funding, Cambridgeshire's Police previous work is anything to go by, do not expect a Greensleeves pic-

tra police officers this year." Health is no simpler. "Since 1979," writes Mawhinney, "the number of NHS patients has risen dramatically — from 5.5 million to 8.5 million last year." Major, however, says that the number of patients treated has risen almost 60 per cent "to just over 10.5 million." A pooling of statistics may be in order before the general election.

Sore point GEORGE SOROS, the financiar,

has been hauled into the row surrounding Roisin McAliskey, 25,



Soros: save McAliskey

Human Rights Watch/Helsinki, a New York-based outfit of which Soros is a leading supporter, has issued a five-page whinge, citing Soros by name and claiming that Miss McAliskey is being subjected

to "appalling" conditions. These include "psychological and emotional strain" and "an appalling violation of the most basic standards of care for prisoners".

Just for the record, HM Prison Service says this is rot

There is an uncontentious look to this year's Booker Prize judges. At their head is Professor Gillian Beer, who served served as a judge in 1993. The rest of her team are the writer Rachel Billington, Jan Dalley, literary editor of The Independent on Sunday, Professor Dan Jacobson of University College London and Jason Cowley, a feature writer on this newspaper.

Ear ear

ROLLING RUCKS, quick ball, second-phase play, all of rugby



Rowntree: winning ear

union's modern methods are as nothing when compared with the old-fashioned terror induced in the opposition by the sight of Graham Rowntree's cauliflower ears. An earful of hostile studs for Rowntree, front row forward for England and Leicester, is, according to team-mates, like a tickle on the dewlaps for a bloodhound.

According to my man in the bootroom. Graham's ears have become like Brian Moore's front teeth. The worse they are, the better for England." They looked shocking on Saturday, and England trounced Scotland:

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STAND BY THE ROCK

Britain must not compromise on Gibraltar's sovereignty

Speaking in the House of Commons last week. John Major reaffirmed a British commitment to Gibraltar which should not have been in any doubt at all. The Government, he said, stood firmly by the Rock, and would never hand over sovereignty to Spain against the wishes of the Gibraltarian people.

Gibraltar was buoyed by Mr Major's declaration, as it was by a robust statement to the same effect by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, put out the day before. Both assertions were made in response to a leaked proposal by Abel Matutes, Spain's Foreign Minister, suggesting a lengthy period of Anglo-Spanish "co-sovereignty" over Gibraltar, after which the colony would "revert to Spain".

In an interview with The Times, published today, Peter Carvana, Gibraltar's moderate Chief Minister, describes the Matutes proposals as "absurd and laughable". He is correct. Both Mr Major and Mr Rifkind were right to reject it without compromise: anything less would have rightly earned them widespread condemnation.

Britain has made a commitment to Gibraltar of a very precise kind, That commitment has not only been written into the colony's Constitution of 1969 (which Spain denounces as an illegal document), it has also been woven into the practice of all British Governments since then. That weave cannot easily be unravelled, nor should attempts be made to do so. Gibraltar, furthermore, is a political issue on which a cross-party consensus has always existed. Mr Major made the Government's position clear in public last week and Labour spokesmen on foreign affairs have privately assured Mr Caruana that a Blair government would respect the wishes of Gibraltar's people no less closely.

Spain, however, has never recognised the Gibraltarian people as valid shareholders in their own future. While that country was under the dictatorship of General Franco, such a posture was not unduly surprising: notions such as "self-determination" were not part of the General's vocabulary. Yet what is surprising, even bewildering, is the abject failure of a democratic post-Franco Spain to grasp the fact that Britain can find no proposals for Gibraltar acceptable unless they take account of the freely expressed

wishes of its people. For that reason, "co-sovereignty" is a stiliborn idea. Gibraltar's people simply do not want to be Spanish, even in hotlybargained fractions. Is it so remarkable that Gibraltarians should fail to muster even an iota of enthusiasm for Spain when its Foreign Minister blithely describes them as having "no standing" in the matter of their own future? Can Gibraltarians really be expected to warm to Spain when their daily experience at the border is frequently disagreeable? And can they be expected to condone such petty harassment as the refusal by Spain even to recognise Gibraltar's international telephone code?

In spite of Spain's behaviour, Mr Caruana has declared himself to be in favour of dialogue with Madrid. He has also addressed Spain's concerns about illicit activities on the Rock with an exemplary firmness, all but stamping out the smuggling trade which flourished under Joe Bossano, his predecessor. Still, Spain has shown itself incapable of shifting its policy. Instead, Madrid promotes projects such as "cosovereignty", which have been mooted, and rejected, in the past. Spain must take account of Gibraltar's wishes, as Britain does. If it cannot, it will not secure the Rock even by the next millennium.

CONSTITUTIONAL CLASH

Conservatives undermine themselves by resistance to change

As our third election guide published today outlines, constitutional matters seem set to occupy an unusually prominent place in the forthcoming campaign. That has not happened because of intense pressure from the electorate. Polls suggest voters rarely see these issues as a high priority. However, the same surveys suggest considerable sympathy for a range of proposed reforms.

The electorate takes an eminently defensible position. For most people, most of the quality of education are obviously of greater importance than the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into national law. The claim, often made by Liberal Democrats among others, that the current British system and structures represent an affront - if not an outright threat to democratic life, strikes a majority as either exaggerated or implausible. The next Parliament should not have an agenda saturated by such questions.

That is not to say that the constitution has no need of care and attention. Limited but important innovation is long overdue. Our historic arrangements have served us well but should not be worshipped as the embodiment of perfection. They have been severely strained by the demands of European Union membership and an increasingly assertive European Court of Justice, The Major administration has enthusiastically pursued the concept of government by contract, producing, quite properly, mountains of data on schools, hospitals, the police and transportation. How odd, then, that it should be rule out the merest possibility of writing down some of the most fundamental

contracts of them all. Reform would augment, not offend, the Conservative Party's principles. Fear of the intrusive state, and thus attraction to a Bill of

Rights and Freedom of Information Act, should come naturally to those who profess a preference for smaller government. Similarly, suspicion of centralisation, and thus backing for stronger checks and balances. should rest comfortably with Tories.

In recent times far too much control has been seized by Whitehall. More enlightened Thatcherites such as Ferdinand Mount have recognised this trend and encouraged its reversal. It seems unlikely that such thinktime, their employment prospects or the ing will be reflected in the Conservative manifesto. If so, the electorate will face a choice that can be crudely summarised: no change (Torv): some cha nge (Labour): or all change (Liberal Democrat). In that case many might regard the option advanced by Tony Blair as the acceptable middle course.

There is much, though, in both the principle and detail of Labour's plans that demands vigorous scrutiny. The future relationship between a national and Scottish parliament requires much greater clarification. Jack Straw's plans for the English regions have failed to captivate even those otherwise inclined towards constitutional change. The depth of Tony Blair's commitment to restoring local government is uncertain. At present only London has received precise promises of new powers.

Were the Tories willing to promote thoughtful proposals of their own, they might reap rich rewards from a debate on the constitution. But instead they appear determined to stand as the defenders of official secrecy and overbearing centralism. This blinkered and rigid approach may allow Labour to proceed with a package that wants considerable improvement. A onesided discussion would not be in the best interests of constitution or country. If it happens, the Conservatives will have only themselves to blame.

MYSTIC MUG

Fear of losing makes for midweek lottery madness

Wednesdays, it is said, will never be the same again. Whether or not this is a welcome prospect is rather passed over. After an aggressive multimillion-pound advertising blitz, and with the allure of a £10 million guaranteed jackpot on offer, the era of the midweek lottery will arrive in all ifs glory this week.

There are those who hope the public will reject another chance to line Camelors packets. But those who think the midweek lottery will flop are destined to be diappointed. Contrary to expectations, the British have already proved themselves the most enthusiastic participants in lottery draws on the planet. This will almost certainly continue in the Wednesday slot.

The reason why so many of us lay down our stake so often is not, as worthy church figures frequently fret, a reflection of cynical greed. On the whole, we realise that the odds make the practice somewhat less than rational. Most would love to give up the lottery habit. One factor stops us. The utter terror that the Saturday we did not enter would be the one where our long-cherished six numbers came up. The humiliation of being the man who missed millions by staying slumped in his chair after the rugby" is just too horrifying to contemplate.

This trap will ensnare us on Wednesdays. Millions of our fellow citizens who would stare blankly if asked their bank account or national insurance numbers can rattle off rows of lottery choices as if their very lives

depended on it. The possibility, no matter how puny, that their chosen set could appear in midweek will ensure the success of Camelor's latest venture. Human psychology has made for hopeless cases.

Now that stupidity and superstition have come together there is no limit to how far the phenomenon can advance. Will it only be a matter of time before balls spin on a daily basis with a matiné on Saturday for good measure? No politician will dare to prevent it. After all, as this appears to be the one type of taxation that the electorate is not only willing, but desperate, to contribute, who can blame our elected masters for joining in the exploitation.

Conservative Central Office asks how Tony Blair will pay for his purported £30 billion in spending commitments without increasing taxes. No problem. The lottery could solve all new Labour's budgetary dilemmas. Monday for the NHS, Tuesday for education and so on. Before long Gordon Brown might cut the basic rate of income tax to ten pence and still stuff the pockets of the public sector unions.

There is, in short, little hope. A few hardy souls will resist. They might avoid newspaper pages and newsagents' windows on Thursday mornings at first. It will not last long. The moment they hear that someone has won the Wednesday jackpot by backing their Saturday numbers, they will be hooked. Most punters will believe that once a week is enough — but it could be two.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bloody Sunday inquiry 'a mistake'

From Mr Andrew Hunter, MP for Basinestoke (Conservative)

Sir, This week's call from Irish Foreign Minister, Dick Spring, the SDLP leader, John Hume, and others for a second inquiry into "Bloody Sunday" may be well intentioned, but it is proloundly mistaken.

We could spend a long time poring over the pages of Anglo-Irish history, apportioning and reapportioning blame. The exercise would get us nowhere. Our time and energy are better spent building new relations than reliving past failures and tragedies.

The Downing Street declaration of 1993 wisely recognised that "the most urgent issue facing the people of Ireland, North and South, and the Britand, North and South, and the Britand. tish and Irish Governments together, is to remove the causes of conflict, to overcome the legacy of history and to heal the divisions which have resulted". A second inquiry would under-

mine this worthy aspiration.

A selective, one-sided "Bloody Sunday" industry has emerged over the years. I believe that, 50 yards from the memorial for those who were "murdered by British paratroopers", there is a plaque in memory of a 16-year-old boy (Charles Love) who was accidentally killed" by the IRA, Such selectivity dishonours the memory of all who have died in the Troubles,

"Bloody Sunday" was orchestrated confrontation and the ensuing tragedy has been shamelessly exploited by evil men. The call for a second inquiry plays into their hands. The IRA would rejoice if it succeeded. The Government is right to resist.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW HUNTER (Chairman, Conservative Northern Ireland Committee), House of Commons. February 1.

Mandatory sentences From His Honour Joseph Dean

Sir, A car driver, with a blameless re-

cord, is driving at a careful speed on his own side of the road when another vehicle, stolen and driven recklessly by somebody drunk, disqualified and uninsured, careers across the road into the car, destroying it and injuring the driver.

If the car driver is found to have a milligram over the permitted level of alcohol in his blood, the court is bound by Act of Parliament to impose on him a mandatory sentence of not less than 12 months' disqualification, whatever the circumstances of the accident or the consequences to his live-

Why then is it "in principle wrong" (Lord Woolf, report, January 28) or "undermining" the judiciary (Lord Carlisle of Bucklow) for an Act of Parliament to stipulate a mandatory sentence of not less than three years' imprisonment for a third offence of bur-

Such a sentence falls well within guidelines indicated by the Court of Appeal but is only too often disregarded by the trial court.

Yours faithfully, JOSEPH DEAN, The Hall, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. January 28.

UK steelmaking

From the Executive Director of British Steel

Sir. The reference in Melvyn Bragg's article (January 27) to "losses in skills ... in steelmaking" is not untypical of the throwaway comment made so often in relation to steelmaking in the UK. It is without foundation.

The steel industry in the UK underwent a major transformation during the Seventies and Eighties as it struggled to recover from loss of competitiveness, not just its own but also in much of its domestic customer base.

Through determined and innovative management, British Steel, the major component of the UK steel industry, not only survived, unlike much of that customer base, but actually turned itself into the world's third largest steel company and one of the most profitable, exporting around

half of our production. If the industry has failed since then it has been in promoting to the public the fact that the UK again has a major internationally competitive steel industry and a company in that industry of which they should be proud.

Yours faithfully.
TONY PEDDER, Executive Director, British Steel plc, 9 Albert Embankment, SEI. January 30.

Highland millennium

From Dr Ian Richardson

Sir, Mrs Virginia Bottomley (letter, January 28; see also letters, February I) obviously feels considerable satisfaction at what has been achieved by the Millennium Fund "supporting lottery projects and strengthening communities around the country". Yet I have an uneasy feeling that the fund. although awash with money, is being misdirected and failing to achieve its full notential.

The Millennium Forest Fund is underfunded and, while it is not too difficult for communities to acquire areas of amenity forest, it is totally impossi-

Implications of decision on funding a new Britannia

Sir, In a report on January 28, "Rushed decision gave Queen no time for advice", you state that the Prime Minister and his colleagues:

studied a ten-page report by Sir Robin But-ler arguing that a publicly funded yacht was the only proper course for a national institution. Sir Robin also advised the Cabnet committee that there was no constitutional issue at stake and that therefore the Opposition did not need to be consulted. It seems to me that ministers - the

From Mr Maurice Frankel

only plausible source for information on this matter - have become increasingly happy to reveal confidential Civil Service advice when it suits them. The disagreeable purpose, in the latest instance, seems to have been to transfer blame for failing to consult the Opposition about Britannia from themselves to Sir Robin Butler.

Given such episodes, how seriously should we take claims that confidentiality of advice is an issue of unshakeable principle? Regular publication of the minutes of the Chancellor's meet ings with the Governor of the Bank of England demonstrated that some such disclosures can inform public debate without damaging decisionmaking.

Why not publish the advice to ministers of expert advisers in other fields. starting with the new Food Safety Adviser (letters, January 31)? A central purpose of such appointments is to reassure the public that genuine con-cerns will not be stifled by commercial or political considerations, which surely calls for maximum openness.

Yours sincerely, MAURICE FRANKEL, Director, The Campaign for Freedom of Information, Suite 102 16 Baldwins Gardens, ECl.

From Lord Ashbourne

Sir, The decision to design and build a successor to HMY Britannia, announced in the House of Commons on January 22 by the Defence Secretary fletters, January 24, 27, 29, is to be warmly welcomed. It is unfortunate that the issue has developed into a political hot potato, because it is a good decision for Britain and the new yacht will be a symbol of British excellence

and something we can all be proud of.
As the Defence Secretary made clear. Her Majesty expects the yacht's primary role to be in support of British economic interests - presumably in boosting our exports and stimulating inward investment, is it not there-fore appropriate for her to be funded by public money? The Labour Party appears to have stated that, if elected it would not fund the yacht out of public money, in which case suitably discreet private funding, which would be acceptable to Her Majesty, could

doubtless be arranged.
We see the Royal Yacht as a national flagship and a workhorse for Britain, while also providing secure ac-commodation for Her Majesty, in an age of international terrorism, in no way will she be "a plaything for the royals", which is still seen by many to

be her primary role. There have been complaints that various parties were not consulted. but as recently as December 10, 1996, the Government's plans for replacing HMY Britannia were debated in the House of Lords, thus giving all parties an opportunity to put forward their views and to ask questions of the Gov-

Yours faithfully, **ASHBOURNÉ** Chairman, All-party Royal Yacht Parliamentary Group), House of Lords. January 29.

From Mr Ken McDonald

Sir. I always enjoy reading William Rees-Mogg and his article today. "Shelling out to rule the waves", came

up to his usual standards. My share of the cost will only be three or four pounds so it is not a matter of great concern. What I fail to understand, as an agnostic on the monarchy, is why the Government dithered for 30 months before announcing its decision.

They are now saying the ship is essential, but there will be no yacht for several years. Pray, what will the royals do in the meantime?

Yours faithfully. KEN McDONALD. 2 Moir's Well, Dollar, Clackmannanshire. January 27.

From Mrs Hilary Rosser

Sir, How appropriate it is, as we enter an election campaign in which it is often hard to distinguish between the policies of the principal parties, that the issue of the funding of a replacement for the Royal Yacht has succeeded in putting clear blue water between

Yours faithfully, HILARY ROSSER, 18 Eastlands Crescent, Dulwich, SE21. January *2*7.

From Mr Martyn Dyer

Sir, How odd that the Conservatives wish the new Royal Yacht to be nationalised whilst the Labour Party seems to want to privatise it.

Yours sincerely, MARTYN DYER. Burn House, Askrigg. Nr Leyburn, North Yorkshire. January 27.

Victims of trauma: the pros and cons of counselling

From Mr J. M. Bray

January 31.

Sir, Ms Yvonne McEwen's attack on the "monster" of trauma counselling. saying it often creates more problems than it solves, gave me a sense of relief (report, January 29). Having had the privilege of commanding 120 professional soldiers during the initial clear-up after the Lockerbie air disaster in 1988, I believe that the lack of post-traumatic stress disorder among any of them was due to three factors.

First, specialists acknowledge the link between body and mind in combating stress. We were lucky, when carrying burdens across the Lockerbie countryside in late December, that we had adequate wet weather clothing and were physically fit. As a result we did not face harrowing sights in an exhausted and almost hypothermic condition. Others did.

Secondly, we avoided being pressured into trauma. Some emergency services, for whom we held and still hold the greatest regard, collected sizeable additional payments for arduous duty, creating in my view a precondition for trauma. We were each given an extra 23 pence per day, we were told to allow groups of ten men to buy enough time at the launderette, thus ensuring that their uniforms were free from detritus and smart for

the next day's work. Although not uni-

Sir, Mr Danny Kushlick (letter, January 27; see also letter, January 20) de-

clares that Ecstasy Is much safer than

alcohol: but alcohol generally be-

comes a danger to health with pro-

longed excessive intake. We are re-

minded from time to time that a little

By contrast, the immediate, short-

term effects of a person taking even

one tablet of Ecstasy are still relatively

unknown. The effects of long-term.

regular use can, at the moment, only

Sir, Burger King's plans to open a

branch that may sell kosher fast food on the site of the old Bloom's restaur-

ant in Whitechapel, east London (re-

port, January 27), seem to be based on

People did not beat a path to

Bloom's door because it was necessar-

ily kosher, but because it was typically

Jewish; and I suspect that most of us

would rather have an unkosher salt-

beef sandwich than a kosher burger

ble to fund the type of forest which

provides employment and gives rural

and highland communities a stake in

The sum of £1.7 million would give

this small community in the central

Highlands control and ownership of

its local Forestry Commission-man-

aged forest, providing work for gener-

ations to come and a core activity for

iocal regeneration. This forest once

maintained more than 30 families, lat-

Millennium money may not be

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their future.

teriv reduced to nil.

a fundamental misconception.

However, a significant number of

Promotion of drugs

From Mr Graham Thomson

alcohol is good for us.

Kosher fast food

From Mr Michael Ross

be guessed at.

maybe accidental, "coping" message. Thirdly, we avoided professional carers initially. We preferred the padre and the no-nonsense, matronly women from the Salvation Army and WRVS (I think) offering us more tea and chocolate than we could eat. Afterwards we were on duty at Edinburgh Castle and so were able to keep

versally popular, it sent a powerful, if

sional advice only where appropriate. Generally, we looked after ourselves. I do not doubt the benefit of counselling, but we should not presume that trauma must and will happen or that few have the inner resources to deal with it unless they get assistance from professional counsellors.

watch on each other, taking profes-

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN BRAY, 5th Floor, Ingram House, 13-15 John Adam Street, WC2 January 30.

From Dr Margaret Mitchell

Sir, That Ms Yvonne McEwen has "launched Britain's first trauma management and victim assistance initiative" at Abertay Fife University Centre will come as a surprise to my psycho-logist and psychiatrist colleagues throughout the UK who specialise in this area, and who have done so for

young people have died after taking

one tablet. In addition, substances

mixed with Eestasy may in them-

selves be harmful. As with any such

drug, you cannot be sure exactly what

Mr Kushlick is wrong if he is imply-

ing that young people are better off

taking Ecstasy than drinking. His let-ter sounds as foolish as Brian Harvey,

lead singer of East 17, did on radio

and Noel Gallagher's latest remarks

any day of the week - if that indeed is

what Burger King has in mind. It

would therefore seem as pointless to

"kosherise" a hamburger as to give

Finally, what of the legendary indif-

ference of Bloom's waiters? How do

Burger King plan to replicate that?

With "Have a nice day"? God forbid.

forests. Yet the Forestry Commission,

with two million acres, is the largest

landowner in the Highlands and is

the one most likely to have land for

Art, theatres, church bells all have

their place: but the sustaining and re-

generation of highland and rural

communities represents an ideal per-

Laggan Community Office, Laggan,

By Newtonmore, Inverness-shire.

fectly capable of realisation.

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Yours sincerely.

1. RICHARDSON

(Interim secretary),

George Bush a barmitzvah. Neither

(reports, January 17 and 31).

GRAHAM THOMSON,

you are getting.

Yours faithfully

15 Cannon Street,

January 31.

Eccles, Manchester,

will ever be Jewish.

Yours faithfully.

January 30.

MICHAEL ROSS,

St Christopher's House.

St Christopher's Place, Wi.

This is less surprising, however, than the simplistic approach Ms McEwen takes to a complex and serious issue. That victims have their "psyches invaded" (whatever that might mean) at the expense of more practical considerations is a silly assertion, and it is simply untrue that disaster sites are swamped by professional counsellors. There is a danger that such assertions may damage the public perception of support organisations by suggesting that there is a superfluity of assistance for people in

One never knows when tragedy will of unpreparedness in the response However, we have learnt a great deal about the experiences of people involved in civilian disasters, very many of whom have appreciated objective and structured psychological interventions. We know such interventions are helpful, too, from the testimony of those who are not offered support. Sometimes pulling up your socks and just getting on with it is a really hard thing to do, on your own.

MARGARET MITCHELL, Glasgow Caledonian University, Department of Psychology, Glasgow G4 OBA. January 30.

Extracting money

From Mr Nicholas Beale

Sir, We have endured for years stories of ludicrously overpaid people "earn-ing" whatever they happened to be paid by their luckless or gormless employers; but with the report Danuary 2i) of the disgraced dentist who "earned" El million in four years through submitting hugely inflated fee claims to the NHS, enough is enough.

Surely the whole point about the case is that he did not earn the money. Yours faithfully.

N. C. L. BEALE. l Hay Hill, Berkeley Square, WI. January 21.

Dash it all From Dr W. E. Griffiths

Sir, In medical terminology SOS fletters, January 29) has a meaning less urgent than in the Morse code. Advising a patient to return SOS indicates si opus sit, "if there he a need".

Ending a consultation in this way is favoured by our lawyers, and is known in contemporary GP jargon as 'safetynetting".

Yours cautiously, WILLIAM GRIFFITHS. 37 Paradise Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Wide of the mark

used to acquire state-owned land or From Mr Alec J. Whiteman

Sir, I read with some amusement Dr Robert Barnard's letter (January 25) regarding the doubtful efficiency of the Conservative Party's appeal for

funds. In February 1992, prior to the last election, my mother received a warm written invitation to join the Bexhill and Battle Young Conservatives, "if you enjoy a party". She was then in her 96th year.

Yours faithfully, ALEC J. WHITEMAN, Claremont, Ticehurst, East Sussex.

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COURT CIRCULAR

February I: The Princess Royal this morning arrived at Heathrov Airport, London, from Hong Kong. Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance. SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK February 2: Divine Service was

held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning. The Reverend Canon George Hill preached the Sermon. Mr John Hart, Mr Keith Hodson and Mr Richard Lines

were received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated them with

the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

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Birthdays today

Mr G.A. Allan. former Headmaster. Robert Gordon's College Aberdeen, 61; Sir Anthony Alment. obstetrician and gynaecologist, 75: the Earl of Antrim, 62: Miss Gillian Ayres, painter, 67; Mr Val Doonican, singer, 68; Mr William Frankel, former Editor and chair man. Jewish Chronicle, 80; Air Chief Marshal Slr John Gingell, 72; the Earl of Hardwicke, 26; Mr Gavin Henderson, Principal, Trin-ity College of Music, 49; Sir Edgar Keatinge, former MP and com-pany director, 92: Mr James A. Michener, author, 90: Baroness O'Cathain, 59; Miss Elaine Padmore, opera singer and direc-tor. SO: Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary Phil. former director, WRAC. 81: Mr Glen Tesley. choreographer, 71; Mr Frankie Vaughan, singer, 69.

Kelly College

The Governors of Kelly College are pleased to announce the launch of their Admiral Kelly Millennium Appeal on this the 212th anniversary of his birth. A formal recep-tion will be held at the Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall, London SWI on Friday, February 21, from 6.45pm. All those who would like details of the Appeal or this reception should contact the Chairman of the Appeal on telephone/-fax 01822 612050 or e-mail Kelly college@compuserve.com.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Felix Mendelssohn, composer, Hamburg, 1809; Robert Cexil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, Prime Minister 1885-86, 1886-92 and 1995-1902. Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, 1830; Gertrude Stein, novelist and critic. Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 1874; Alvar Aalto, architect and designer, Kuortane, Finland, 1898; Luigi Dallaniccola, composer, Pisino. Austria, 1904.

DEATHS: Richard (Beau) Nash master of ceremones at Bath, Bath. 1761; George Crabbe, poet, Trowbridge, Wilshire, 1832; Sir Henry Maine, jurist and historian, Cannes, 1838; Sir Morell Macker, the physician 1 orden 1822. Carnes, 1888; Sir Morell Macker-zie, physician, London, 1892: Edward Pickering, astronomer, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1919; Woodrow Wilson, 28th American President 1913-21, Nobel Peace laureate 1920, Washington, 1924; Boris Karloff, actor, Midhurst, Weer Sussey, 1960

President Woodrow Wilson pre-sided at the first meeting of the League of Nations in Paris, 1919.

Today's royal engagement

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Northern Lighthouse Board, will visit their headquarters and attend a management committee meeting at 84 George Street. Edinburgh, at 12.25.



Occupation, one of the 12 panels in the tapestry, depicts the arrival of the Germans. Their ultimatum demanded that white crosses be painted in prominent places; the Attorney-General is shown meeting the invaders: slave labour, right, built many of the fortifications

BY MARCUS BINNEY

A MODERN-DAY Bayeux Tapestry, portraying the hardships of the German occupation of Jersey in the Second World War, has won one of Britain's most respected museum

The tapestry, woven by 228 embroi derers, many of whom endured the five-year occupation, is based not only on the first-hand memories of islanders, but on film footage shot secretly under the noses of the Germans and further film captured by the Americans in 1945.

Viscountess Cobham, making the award for the Society for the Interpretation of Britain's Heritage, said: "Jersey has won for three reasons: creative community involvement. Imaginative interpretation and an enterprising conversion of an old

Memorial services

Dr Bernard Rose

Jersey's tapestry chronicle of occupation wins award

dockside warehouse [for a Tapestry

Galleryj." The tapestry commemorates some of the most poignant moments of the occupation, including the betrayal and arrest of Canon Clifford Cohu, rector of the parish of St Saviour, who was sent to a concentration camp where he died for passing on BBC news bulletins to his parishioners, and the hardships of 7,000 slave workers brought to the island, mainly Russians and Spanish republicans.

With just 28,000 islanders and an occupying force of nearly 13,000, active resistance would have been foolbardy, but numerous acts of

recorded. These include the mason who inserted a V sign when relaying the flagstones in the Royal Square in St. Helier where the Germans

As in the Bayeux Tapestry, on which it is modelled, many details of everyday life are recorded — home-sick German troops giving sweets and lorry rides to small children and the housewife who hid a piglet in bed when the Germans came foraging. As the tide of the war turned, the Germans confiscated all cameras and wirelesses, but many islanders listened to BBC bulletins on crystal sets.

Olive Thompson, whose father had a photography shop, kept cine film hidden in a biscuit tin in the garden and filmed German through frog-marching through the town from behind the curtain, keeping just enough film to record the liberation by British tommies.

Each of the 12 tapestry panels nacesures 72in by 34in. Wayne Audrain, who designed the tapestry, said: "Though hundreds of people worked on it, it looks as if it was done by the same 12 hands."

A 100ft-long tapestry embroidered by 70 women to commemorate the last invasion of the British mainland was completed yesterday. The tapestry records the doomed landing on Febroary 22, 1797, of 1,400 troops from four French warships at Carreg Wastad, near Fishguard, Pembroke-

Forthcoming marriages

MOLL

Mr C.C.V. Curr Jones and Miss Z.A. Tomkins

and MISS A. 10mmers
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Carr-Jones, of Bosham, West Sussex, and Zoe eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Tomkins, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr A.M. Hunt and Miss E.A.K. Thorogood The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Hunt, of Sutton. Surrey, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr Peter Thorogood and the late Mrs Suzanne Thorogood, and stendaughter of Mrs Léonie Thorogood, of Little Horwood, Bucking

Mr A.J. Lawson-Dick and Miss A.U.B. Strömberg The engagement is announced between Alasdair, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Lawson Mr and Mrs Charles Lawson-Dick, of Owston, Leicestershire, and Anna, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs Lennart Strömberg, of Saltsjöbaden,

Mr M.C.J. Porter-Wright and Miss A.K. Hobbs

The engagement is unnounced between Marcus, son of Major and Mrs John Porter-Wright, of Swallowcliffe, Wiltshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Hobbs, of Dearham,

Mr S.D. Thompson Whiteside

and Miss J.N. Hardie The engagement is announced between Scott Derek, younger son of Mrs Betty Thompson-Whiteside, of Portchester, Hampshire, and the late Mr Tereno Thompson-Whiteside, and Jennifer Nighean, only daughter of Mr Stuart Hardie, of St Pierre du Bois, Guernsey, and Mrs Margaret Clarke, of Achnamara, Argyll and Fleurance, Prance.

Mr D. Tye and Miss T. Millest

The engagement is announced between David, elden son of Mr and Mrs P. Tye, of Tring, Hertfordshire, and Tamzin, daughter of Mr Peter Millest and Mrs Vivienne Millest, of Buck-hurst Hill, Essen.

Marriages

Mr A.R. Pearson and Miss H.J. Mantielow The marriage took place on Sat-urday in Chichester Cathedral of Mr Alistair Pearson, aon of Mr R.J. Pearson, of Alresford, and of Mrs M.H. Pearson, of Winchester. to Miss Helen Manktelow, eldest daughter of the Right Rev Michael and Mrs Manktelow, of Chich-ester. The Bishop of Chichester, the Deen of Chichester and Canon

Roger Job officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Katharine Manktelow and Miss Elizabeth Municiplow. Mr Mark Adums best man. A reception was held at moon will be spent in Austria.

Mr J.C.J. Pegler and Dr S.L.P. du B. Davidson The marriage took place quietly in Chelses, on February 1, 1997, between Mr Julian Pegler and Dr Serena Davidson.

Oxford, Trinity College Sir John Burgh, President of Trinity College 1987-96, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the

Nature notes

MORE birds are starting to sing. House sparrows are stringing their chirping calls together in phrases with a trace of rhythm to them. The first chaffinches are singing loudly in orchard trees. In the fields, corn buntings sing with wide-open beaks on the top of hedges: they produce a brief, jangling outburst like a bunch

of keys being shaken. Above the buntings' heads, skylarks are singing regular-ly, often flying so high that they become almost invisible they are also skirmishing with each other in the air. By rocky streams, dippers are singing their rippling songs from jutting stonework or overhanging branches: they are early breeders, and some will have built their nests under bridges and behind waterfalls by the end of the month.

In damp places, winter heliotropes, whose ancestors escaped from gardens, are ditches.



opening their lilac-coloured flowers, which have the scent of vanilla. On many sailow busnes there are chain: silver catkins along the sides of the red twigs.

ers are coming through stead-ly: the toothed leaves of bulbous buttercup grow in broad patches on roadsides, the fern-like foliage of cow parsley is getting thick along field-paths, and the shiny leaves of lesser celandine crowd along the edge of DJM



A memorial service for Dr Bernard Rose, organist and former informator Choristarum of Magdalen College, Oxford, was held on Saturday in Magdalen College Chapel. The Rev Dr M.J. Piret, Dean of Divinity at the college, officiated. The Right Rev Paul Burrough read the lesson and the Rev Ronald Lloyd read from the works of Nadia Boulanger. Sir David Lumsden gave an address and the Right Rev

Leaves of other spring flow-

May will be held in Temple Church on Wednesday, March 19. 1997, at 5pm. Roy Bennett

Bernard Rose's music.

A memorial service for Roy Grissell Bennett, CMG, TD, will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at 2.30pm.

Peter Walker pronounced

During the service the college choir, conducted by Mr Bill Ives.

Informator Choristarum, with Mr

A Memorial Service for Str John

Cabbage pots carry rich odour of history

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

THE smell of cabbage is one of the most persistent odours known to humanity, particu-larly for those who have spent any time at boarding school or in hospital. Now at least part of the secret has been revealed: wax from the leaves soaks into cooking vessels, and survives for nearly a thousand years.

Cooking pots from a Saxon and medieval site at Raunds, shown to have fatty nonacosane lipids absorbed into their fabric, identical with those in leaves from the Brassica or cabbage family. Dr Richard Evershed and his colleagues at Bristol University, who have been working on the identification of ancient foodstuffs, had copies made of the vessels, and used them to cook

cabbage. Ten successive boilings of batches of spring cabbage were carried out in the Bristol laboratory, with the pots allowed to dry out for a day or so between cookings. Lipids deriving from the epicuticular wax of the leaves were then extracted from ground-up samples of the vessel fabric

and analysed. Different batches of cabbage leaves yielded varying strengths of lioid; sufficient was absorbed during the first cooking to seal the porous surface and reduce boiling time, however, and was detectable. The amount built up over time, though length of use cannot be known.

"Obviously, archaeological vessels will have been used many hundreds of times," the investigators say. Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 24: 1-7.

Appointments in the Forces

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HENDERSON - On January 29th, 1997 to Sophie (noe-Wingfield Digby) and Guy, a son (Edward William), a brother for Robbie, Poppy and Minns. Nami (bée Rogo-Gum) and Michael, a daughter, Elisabeth Constance Mary, a

Yabyty Gwynedd, Bangor, to Audra and Philip, a son, Defydd Lewis, a brother for Pilon.

january 31st, to Tamara (née Calleghan) and Aubyz, a son Dougal George Oliver, a bentas toe Cecilia. The Portland Hospital, to Victoria (nie Gibson) and Richard, a son. Edward within Group, a bother for Emily and Sorena.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARJES

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LLOVO - Lady Suth, beloved with all the lass Lord Lloyd of Elampstead and devoted mother and grandenine to Naomi and Corlane and grandenidren Este and Ben, passed away after a short illness on 29th January. Cremation to take place on Monday 3nd February at the West Chapel, Goldens Green Crematorium at 2 pm.

MAWIE - Dorothy Evelyn passed pescafully sway on Monday January 27th, widow of Rea, srach loved mother of William, Godfrey, Sobert, gazzemother of jons, Diana, Jian, Marie-Clare, Richard great gazzemother of St. Mary's Ashbury, February 6th, 1.30pm, Flowers please to AE Balor & Sons, 5 Park Nord, Taxingdon.

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PLATTEN - Angela Florence M.Phil, a fet Leading die of Don, loving mother of Hamy. On January 29th peacefully with her family around her in hospital at Chester. Will be greatly missed and eternally leved by all those to whom she was such a great inspiration. A Thanksgiving Service for her life will be held on Friday 7th February, Enguires to O.W. Edis Funezal Directors (01244) \$22218.

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MOLLIE PANTER-DOWNES



Mollie Panter-Downes, writer, died on January 22 aged 90. She was born on August 25, 1906.

ollie Panter-Downes created something of a sensation when she published her first novel at the age of 16. She was to write and publish four more, three of which she eventually disowned along with that precoclous debut, while her other books included an evocative account of the British in India, and a lively study of the later years of the poet Swinburne. But it is as the long-serving London correspondent of the New Yorker that she will be best remembered. For almost half a century, from the day war was declared in 1939 until her retirement at the age of 81, she provided the American magazine's readers with a shrewd, observant and witty picture of English life.

In her regular "Letter from London" she might cover anything from a state funeral to a Covent Garden first night, a Cabinet reshuffle to a suffocating smog; the subjects of her "Profile pieces ranged from E.M. Forster to Sir Stafford Cripps; as a "Reporter at Large" she could find herself in Belfast or Ceylon, Margate or Gibraltar, Llandudno or Rome. Her weekly wartime dispatches from Britain, republished in book form in 1972, are of

the only child of Major Edward Panter-Downes of the Royal Irish Regiment, who was killed at the Battle of Mons when she was eight. Living in reduced circumstances with her mother in Sussex after her father's death, she read widely and at the age of 16 wrote The Shoreless Sea, her first novel; it was published in 1923.

The author herself later thought her first effort a "terrible book" and expressed relief that it was out of print. But the contemporary reception was positive and within 18 months The Shoreless Sea had been reprinted eight times. Reviewing this tale of "loves and sufferings and temptations", the Times critic admired the author's "maturity of style" and commented that "there is scarcely a moment at which the atmosphere of the story seems real; and yet it is nowhere essentially untrue". With-out biographical information, "one would have assumed this book to be the product of a fairly practised

A practised writer Mollie Panter-Downes soon became. She published articles and short stories in magazines. and three more novels, of which she later claimed not even to have kept copies. In 1927 she married Clare Robinson and made her home in a loth-century house near Haslemere in Surrey, where she remained for the rest of her life. When she came to write Mollie Patricia Panter-Downes was she always felt it was an advantage to persuaded her to reconsider.

be based outside the capital. "I write from a little distance," she explained. More prosaically, from 1939 to 1945, it was her home's proximity to the Portsmouth railway line (kept open for the Navy throughout the war) that enabled her to do some of her best

work. For one thing, it meant that she was able to get to and from her London base in the Lansdowne Club, where she gathered the material for her weekly 1,500 words. Then, having written the column at home, it could "in the most extraordinary Heath-Robinson sort of way, be transported by car or bicycle through the blackout to the guard on a London-bound train, where it would be met by a Western Union messenger who cabled it to New

Panter-Downes had herself arrived at the New Yorker by a fairly unorthodox route. The magazine's Paris correspondent, Janet Flanner, who also covered London, happened to be in America when war broke out and so found herself unable to return to Europe. Panter-Downes had already contributed a piece to the magazine on Jewish refugees in London in 1937, and on the strength of it was offered the job, her name being "picked out with a pin" by the Editor, Harold Ross, or so she modestly liked to relate. Her initial impulse was to turn the job down, because her house was about to be her London letters for the New Yorker, filled with evacuees. Her husband

Her first "Letter from London" appeared on the day war was declared. She wrote once a week until 1945. Relaxed, readable, wide-ranging and full of telling detail, her dispatches are of lasting worth precisely because they deal with the ephemeral things that most observers might overlook. As she herself later suggested: "If the pieces had a value, it's because I took note of the trivial, ordinary things that hap-pened to ordinary people. She wrote of sheep-shearing in Hyde Park; of yellow detector paint applied to pillar boxes and intended to change colour in the event of a gas attack; of a shortage of ground almonds: of the Cotswold firm selling pheasants as "nature's sirens", able to detect approaching bombers long before the human car.

The columns were reprinted in book form in 1972, as London War Notes, 1939-45. One reviewer thought the bish English lady rouch": hur as the "phoney blitz" gave way to "real bombs, VIs and V2s", they became progressively more democratic as the author paid weekly tribute to "the great, patient, courageous mass of British people". The New York Times remarked on the author's "stubborn

egalitarianism". The descriptive gifts and the talent for sharp yet sympathetic observation so effectively displayed in those war-time London letters were turned to fictional ends in the novel One Fine Day, which appeared in 1947. It examined the response of the English middle classes to the social and moral upheavals of the immediate postwar years. To Panter-Downes, the book was not just a cosy picture of village life, but a "hymn in praise of England still being there, a Te Deum at the wonder we won the war". The critic of The Times Literary Supplement feared that the author's "insistence that there will always be an England' rather swamps the characters who have to live there. Most of the reviews were positive, however, and One Fine Day was reissued by the publishers Virago in 1985 as part of their quest to rediscover neglected women writers.

Panter-Downes wrote no more novels, but continued to convey the essence of postwar England to the readers of the New Yorker in her Letters from London for nearly forty more years. She also ranged further afield. Two of her magazine commissions grew into books: Ooty Preserved (1967), a record of British life at a hill-station in India: and At the Pines (1971), an account of the curious ménage on Putney Hill in which Algernon Charles Swinburne was saved from a life of dissolution by

the critic Theodore Watts-Dunton. She retired as the New Yorker's London correspondent in 1987, having concentrated in later years on book reviewing rather than reporting. Her time with the magazine, she said, had been "one long, enthralling round". She is survived by her husband and their two daughters.

GODFREY BASELEY



Godfrey Baseley, creator of The Archers, died sterday aged 92. He was born on October 2, 1904.

ONE summers day in 1949 the idea for The Archers was born. Godfrey Baseley, then head of BBC Radio farming programmes, called a meeting of Midlandshire farmers to see if they had any new ideas. "Why don't we put on a programme about country people and the country — a sort of Dick Barton without the violence?" one of them asked. Baseley was immediately attracted to the idea. A countryman himself, thickset and stocky with speedwell blue eyes and a voice "as warm and rough as a field scratching post", he set to work to create a programme which would both instruct and entertain: a gentle tale of country folk, of the world of farming, fetes and flower

Engaging Geoffrey Webb and Edward Mason — the writers of the all-action series, Dick Barton - he scripted some trial episodes of what was to become the longest running and best-loved radio series in Britain. The fictional county of Borsetshire and its rural village Ambridge were all inspired by Baseley's Worcestershire home. His house, Summerhill Farm in Hanbury, became a model for Brookfield, country seat of the Archer dynasty, and his neighbours, were they to look hard enough, would have ments - while continuing

shows, untouched by urban

decay.

found themselves reflected in his bucolic characters.

The Archers was first broadeast in pilot episodes in the Midlands in 1950. A year later it was properly launched, and before long it had replaced Dick Barton in the daily 6.45 slot where it still remains. Millions tuned in to follow the story of Dan and Doris Archer and their friends and neighbours. The programme be-came a link between town and country, bringing the thrill of recognition to rural dwellers and the smell of the farmyard into urban homes.

At first the programme had a tiny budget. The original actors were all amateurs. They kept their day jobs. Dan Archer worked as pottery de-signer. Doris Archer had a shop and Simon the farmhand worked in an employment exchange. They were paid two guineas per episode. Baseley had a formidable

reputation. He ruled with a rod of iron. When in 1955 the actress, Ysanne Churchman, who played the volatile Grace Archer, began to worry him and unsettle the other members of the cast he decided to get rid of her. She was killed off in a farmyard fire. Her demise made front page news. But for more that 20 years The Archers remained more or less unchanged. It kept its basis as an educational programme -- each episode full of

hints and information for

farmers, keeping them in

touch with the latest develop-

peacefully to entertain. Basely continued to preside over the programme until 1971 when, having been told that the serial had become "fired and weary" he stormed out of the BBC in a blaze of anger instead of the blaze of glory which he deserved. Malcolm Lynch, a city man born and bred, replaced him. And The Archers was injected with a

new and racier vigour. Baseley was never mollified. "I have watched the programme change for the worse over the years," he said. "The Archers I knew was very clean." The arrival of Vanessa Whitburn as the editor in 1991 exacerbated his discontent. Fresh from the grittler realism of Brookside, she scandalised fiercely traditional audiences with episodes of racism. armed robbery, abortion and homosexuality. "Country people don't do that kind of thing," Baseley complained. He was vociferous in his criticism when in 1993 the word "bloody" appeared for the first time in 11,000 episodes.

He himself retained his rural way of life to the end. After leaving the programme he wrote four books, including The Archers: A Slice of My Life which was published in 1971. In old age he could still be found riding his tricycle around the Worcstershire village where he lived.

Godfrey Baseley married Betty, who predeceased him eight years ago. He is survived by their two daughters.

DR CLINTON MANSON-BAHR

Dr Clinton Manson Bahr, consultant physician in tropical medicine, died on December 31 aged 85. He was born on May 5, 1971.

THE death of Clinton Manson-Bahr brings to an end a family tradition of tropical medicine reaching back to the foundation of the discipline. He was the grandson of Sir Patrick Manson (1844-1922), the father of tropical medicine", and the son of Sir Philip Manson-Bahr (1881-1966), son-in-law of Sir Patrick and another authority on the subject, Clinton Manson-Bahr himself became a noted practitioner of the discipline pioneered by his forebears, as well as a valued source of information on all aspects of . its history.

Philip Edmund Clinton Manson-Bahr was educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge: his subsequent medical studies were undertaken at the (Royal) London Medical College. On completing his studies, he joined the Colonial Medical Service, serving initially in Tanzania

from 1939 to 1940. From 1940 to 1947, as a lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he served as adviser to East African Command and wor-. ked as a medical specialist in



the US. . Service as a specialist physician in Fiji from 1948 to 1953 was followed by a period as senior specialist in Kenya,

From 1962 until 1968, Marison-Bahr was Professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine at

Tulane University in America. He then served as a World Health Organisation specialist adviser to the Burmese Government; before becoming senior lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a post he held

rate, Dinnington (Sheffield).
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St John's, East Dulwich
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Uggeshall and Sotherton, and

Team Rector designate of the Blyth Coastal Team [St

Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

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Priest-in-charge St Anne, Brislington: to be Vicar,

Cricklade w Latton (Bristol).

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(Oxford).

Vicar, Belton (Lincoln): to be

with it honorary status at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases and the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich. Between 1975 and 1982 he worked as consultant physician to the Overseas Development and Commonwealth Development Corporations.

Through his collaboration with the division of insectborne diseases in Kenya, Manson-Bahr was largely responsible for preserving the "tropical medicine" tradition there, and assisted in the development of the University of Nairobi Medical School, He made important contributions to the study of trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness), leish-maniasis and other zoonotic diseases, his international standing in these fields being recognised by the award of the Gaspar Vianna medal in Brazil in 1962.

Other studies involved the epidemiology of tanapox (a viral infection) distinct from smallpox) in Kenya, histoplasmosis in East African caves, marine typhus, plague, lepto-spirosis, hydatid disease, trichinosis and other 200noses in Kenya. He edited (jointly) the 17th, 18th and 19th editions of Manson's Tropical Diseases, the standard textbook on the subject, which his grandfather and father had edited before him. In his later

years, Clinton Manson-Bahr gave outstanding service to the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, of which he was successively honorary secretary, 1973-79, and vice-president, 1979-81, as well as serving for many years as a member of its editorial committee of transactions. In addition, he was the society's honorary archivist. He received the Manson Medal (the society's highest award) in 1995 and in the same year was

made an honorary Fellow. Up to his death he attended almost every council and ordinary meeting of the society, his comments and remarks invariably being pertinent and well-informed. A big man, with a loud, booming voice, he was in many respects a larger than life figure. But he was always a model of modesty. Fellows will retain memories of his splendid address of thanks to HRH the Princess Royal when she inaugurated the newly refurbished George Carmichael Low auditorium at the society's premises in Manson House, Portland Place, on the occasion in 1994 of the 150th anniversary of the

birth of Sir Patrick. Clinton Manson-Bahr is survived by his wife Joan, whom he married in Kenya in 1943, a son (also a medical practitioner, though not in the tropical field) and a daughter.

Nicholas Stacey. corporate adviser, died in London on January 19 aged 76. He was born in Debrecen, Hungary, on December 5, 1920.

THE death of Nicholas Stacey came as a shock to his many friends, who almost regarded him as indestructible. His mother was 104 when she died last year (obituary, July 18), and Stacey often said that he was planning his life for the next twenty years. He always worked hard to

keep his friendships in good repair and, to this end, kept open house in London. His hospitality extended to occasional parties in New York, where he rounded up friends who might have escaped him for a year or two. He maintained an idiosyncratic directness of address and a desire to shock and even outrage, if only to enjoy the startled responses of acquaintances misled by his conventional appearance. He was generous with advice (which was sometimes gratuitous). and was accustomed to showering his circle of friends with articles and cuttings — he was an ineveterate writer of letters to The Times - which he considered would enlarge their views and expand their understanding.

Nicholas Anthony Howard Stacey was born and brought up in Debrecnin, where he attended the local Jesuit Gymnasium. In 1938, aged 17, he

came to England, leaving his parents behind (his mother did not escape from Hungary until after the 1956 uprising). He enrolled at Birmingham University in the Faculty of Commerce in 1939, combining his academic studies with driving for a Civil Defence

surgical unit. Having worked in a factory for two years, he went on after the war to spend a year at the LSE before becoming assistant secretary of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. His subsequent career in the financial world was informed by the two years he spent in the United States, 1951-52, as a Fulbright Scholar at the Columbia University Graduate Business School and (later) by his seven years' employment by the General Electric Company as econom-

ic and marketing adviser. It was in this company that he first learnt about commercial mergers, which knowledge he put to good use when in 1962 he became a founder member of Chesham Amalgamations & Investments. He remained with this company for 22 years, dealing only with uncontested mergers and avoiding the gladiatorial battles between giants of indus-try. which often enriched shareholders and professional advisors but rarely resulted in increased production.

He was justly proud of his appointment to, and his seven years' membership of, the Fulbright Commission, where

NICHOLAS STACEY he pioneered corporate sponsorship and short-term awards for young industrialists to enable them to study technological advances in the United States. He also served on a number of government committees concerned with indus-

try and small businesses. He found time in his active life to support the arts. He was chairman of the trustees of the Society for the Promotion of New Music, and he helped to raise money for the Byam Shaw School of Art. He was a trustee of the Bankside Gallery and chairman of the council of the Divertimenti String Orchestra. He was also most supportive of his wife, Marianne, who was a talented

He wrote a number of technical works about mergers and marketing and in 1989 published Living in an Alibi Society, a treatise in which he roundly condemned the modern pracice of blaming others and avoiding responsibility for one's own actions. His later years were clouded by his losses as a Name at Lloyd's. but was never heard to complain about what was for him financial disaster. He worked tirelessly to pay off all his debts and held himself entirely responsible for his own misfortunes.

In 1954 he married his first wife, Gloria Cooklin, from whom he was divorced in 1986. In 1987 he married Marianne Ehrhardt. He is survived by both.

The Rev David Holt, Vicar, Bagshot: to be Vicar, Fleet

(Guildford). The Rev Napoleon John, Assistant Curate, Leyton, St Mary w St Edward and St Luke: to be Priest-in-charge, St Elisabeth, Becontree (Chelms-

ferri). The Rev Chris Jones, Vicar, St Matthew, Bootle: to be also Area Dean of Bootle (Liverpool).

The Rev Glynn Jones, NSM, Glendale group of parishes (Newcastle): to be Assistant Chaplain of HM Prison. Armley (Ripon). The Rev Gillian King, Chaplain of Tolworth Hospital: to

be Team Vicar, Hale Team.

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Chelmsford: to be Priest-in- rate, Dinnington (Sheffield). charge, All Saints, Highams Park (Chelmsford).

The Rev Peter Mackenzie, Rector, Canterbury St Martin and St Paul (Canterbury): to be also an Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral. The Rev Conal Mahony, Vicar. Hempnall Team Ministry: to be Rector, Hemphall Team

Ministry (Norwich). The Rev Paul Messenger, Vicar, Southwater to be Rector, Sullington and Thakeham w Warminghurst (Chichester). The Rev John Moore, Associaté Priest (NSM), w special responsibility for Bunny w Bradmore: to be Priest-incharge (NSM), Bunny w

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Vicar, St. James, Northampton (Peterborough).

The Rev Michael Raynor. Vicar, St Barnabas, Warrington: to be Vicar, St Andrew. Orford (Liverpool).

The Rev Mary Ridgewell, formerly Chaplain, Lee Abbey (Exeter): now Curate (NSM), Bradford Peverell, Stratton, Frampton and Sydling St Nicholas (Salisbury).

The Rev Theresa Scott, Assistant Curate (NSM). Drayton St Peter: to be also NSM Convenor for the Berkshire Archdeaconry (Oxford).

The Rev Hugh Searle, Vicar, Barton and Rector, Coton: to be Chairman of the Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility (Ely). The Rev John Shorrock, per-

mission to officiate in the East Bridge deanery (Canterbury): now Clergy Widows Officer for Canterbury archdeaconry.

STORIES OF THE RAID.

Wanton Slaughter of Civilians.

The War Office issued last night a further communication on the raid of Monday night. This states that the deaths now amount to 59 and the cases of injury to 101. We are able to publish today vivid accounts of the raid from our own Correspondents in different counties. These show how unsuspecting civilians - men. women, and children were surprised by the aircraft and wantonly killed or savagely injured. The following is the War Office communiquė:--

The utterly inaccurate report in the Berlin official telegram of February 1. which purported to describe the effect of the German air raid on the night of January 31, affords further proof of the fact that the raiders were quite unable to ascertain their position or shape their course with any degree of accuracy. One church and a Congregational chapel were badly damaged and a parish room wrecked. Fourteen houses were dam-

ON THIS DAY

February 3, 1916 **经企业**

Nine zeppelins crossed the English coast and dropped bombs on Midland towns and cities. Later, the number of casualties was amended to 70 killed and 113 injured.

aged, and a great number damaged less seriously by doors, window frames etc. being blown out. Some damage, not very serious, was caused to railway property in two places; only two factories, neither being of military importance, and a brewery were badly damaged, and two or three other factories were damaged slightly. The total number of bombs dropped up to the present exceeds 300. Many of them fell in rural places where

o damage was caused at all.

We are able to publish today reports

aircraft to bring down a German Zeppelin in the British Isles. no damage was caused at all.

from our own Correspondents in different counties. Telephoning from a certain portion of Staffordshire, a correspondent says:- The first bomb was dropped near a picture theatre, which was brilliantly illuminated. Inquests were held yesterday on the bodies of three men killed in Lincolnshire in the raid. The Coroner expressed his sympathy with the relatives and friends of the men who had lost their lives in this dastardly manner. To think that 50 bombs were dropped and only three lives lost was cause for congratulation. Markedly different was the account of the raid issued by the German official news agency: "England's industry, to a considerable extent, lies in ruins. Over England during the night there was a fierce and hard-fought battle, a devastating air battle fought on a front of many miles, and it was won by German airships." Mr. Joseph Cowen of Stella Hall, Blaydon-on-Tyne, announces that he will present £1,000 to the crew of the first

half a disaster

millennium ..

Democrat)

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Six pairs of identical twins talk about their lives. Cutting

Edge (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond finds Nostromo

Spain must take account of Gib-

raltar's wishes, as Britain does.

If it cannot, it will not secure the Rock even by the next

The electorate will face a choice

that can be crudely summarised:

no change (Tory): some change

(Labour); or all change (Liberal

before balls spin on a daily basis

Constitutional clash

Stand by the Rock

... Page 47

... Page 21

NEWS

Tories set D-Day for poll decision

■ Tory strategists have earmarked February 22 as "D-Day" --the final date on which John Major can decide whether to go for a March election if the party faces a landslide defeat in the Wirral South by-election.

Allies of the Prime Minister who are heavily involved in the election planning have argued that he should be prepared to abandon the Wirral contest only days before it is due to take place and call an election for March 20

Major and Blair join soccer campaign

■ The Football Association secured the support of John Major and Tony Blair in their battle with Germany to host the 2006 World Cup although it should have known that it was already a lost cause. Uefa, Europe's governing body, said it "had already committed itself to supporting Germany" Page 1

Veteran names

Churchill, Pitt the Elder and even Appius the Blind have been called in evidence to support moves to allow Oxford dons to go on participating in the university's affairs to the age of 75 Page I

Threat to pound

Robin Cook Strongly hinted that Labour would join a European single currency when it became legal tender in shops on the Continent in 2002. It was a clear signal that Labour would be prepared to abolish the poundPage 2

Tragic celebration

A Briton who emigrated to start a new life in South Africa six months ago was murdered as he prepared to celebrate the news that he was to become a

Space balloon

Two Britons are planning a televised voyage into space in the biggest hot-air balloon to be ...Page 5

Housing millions

The Japanese-led consortium that bought the Armed Forces' married quarters housing last year is already grossing millions of pounds from the deal......Page 7

Princess on TV

BBC Television is devoting a halfhour programme to the recent visit to Angola by Diana, Princess of Wales, when she campaigned against landmines......Page 8

Starvation allegation

Hospitals are accused of leaving patients dangerously underfed in a report. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has been urged to investigate accusations that patients are starving Page 9

Pakistan choice

Pakistanis go to the polls today, for the fourth time in eight years, faced with a choice between two leaders with records for running corrupt governments Page 10

Clinton contrition More contrition flowed from the

White House after the revelation that a convicted felon with alleged links to the Mafia sipped coffee with President Clinton.... Page 11 Peace progress

Israeli and Palestinian leaders said that they would resume fullscale negotiations on the implementation of peace agreements after a six-month breakdown in the Middle East peace . Page 12

Yeltsin in talks

President Yeltsin, seeking to convince the world of his return to health, held three hours of talks with President Chirac of France. . Page 13

Gibraltar defiance

Peter Caruana, Gibraltar's Chief Minister, has vowed that his administration will not cede "even the tiniest fraction" of the colony's sovereignty to Madrid Page 14

Cats' victim sues for \$12 million

A Broadway theatregoer is suing Lord Lloyd Webber for \$12 million after she was selected by a Cats actor for some audience participation. Evelyn Amato, 31, filed a lawsuit claiming that she was attacked by David Hibbard, who was playing Rum Turn Tugger who, every night, selects an audience member and mimes romantic interest in her ..



PC Phil Griffiths with a parakeet at Barry police station, South Wales, during an open day to seek the owners of 52 stolen cage birds

BUSINESS

Jobe paradox: A European Commission report forecasts that Britain will be the only EU state to meet the target of halving unemployment by the year 2000. But it suggests that labour market reforms should be reversed Page 48

Mutual mania: Abbey National, rebuffed suitor of Scottish Amicable, says it is prepared to raise its offer to its policyholders to forestall a rush of rivals lining up for an auction. Page 48

Disconnection: Cable & Wireless is to abandon the alliance with Germany's Veba group set up to attack telephone markets..... Page 48 Fragile euro: Janet Bush finds that world business leaders reckon Europe's ambitions for monetary ... Page 46

ARIS

TV ferewell: Like Jeremy Isaacs before him, Michael Grade will leave a gaping hole behind him at Channel 4. Melvyn Bragg on the achievements of the Channel 4 . Page 18 Happy birthday: Nearly everyone

in a packed Wigmore Hall stayed to the end of a six-bour musical marathon to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Schubert Page 18

Pop goestp: The grapevine has been quietly buzzing about them for months. Now the Eels play

French fevourite: Jeanne Moreau is a veteran of more than a hundred films. Now she is about to add another, The Proprietor, to her enormous credit list........... Page 19

Royal Bat: In the privileged world of royal godchildren, Diana, Princess of Wales, is the trophy godmother. Who are these children? How are they chosen? Page 16 Changing role: Godparents have been a central part of the British family and social life for nearly 1,400 years and, surprisingly in a secular age, they remain an impor-

MIND AND MATERIA

Solar storms: Solar activity is heading for a climax -- to devastating effect ..

tant part of many lives Page 17

Nigel Hewkes: Honeybees have eyes that operate well by day but less efficiently at night. Yet many species fly by night. How do they

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES SPICE ISLANDS Passport to Indonesia:

a 16-page report on travel in one the world's least known countries ARTS

The National Gallery shows off the charms of the young Gainsborough

Football: Alan Shearer scored hat-trick in the final 13 minutes of the game as Newcastle fought back from 3-1 down to earn a thrilling 4-3 victory over Leicester Page 25 England triumph: The achievement of four tries in the victory over

Scotland should give England confidence for the remaining five nations matches... Rugby union: Ireland are eagerly awaiting the visit of England in two weeks after their remarkable victory over Wales ...

Racing: Danoli, the most popular horse in Ireland, jumped to the front of the Cheltenham Gold Cup betting with a thrilling victory over Jodami in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup., . Page 38 Cricket: David Lloyd, the England

coach, chose to attack the scheduling of the fixture rather than his team's performance after the defeat by New Zealand APage 27

Tennie: Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, lost to Goran Ivanisevic in the final of the Croatian indoor championship in Zagreb when he controversially foot faulted in the final set tie-break...

Nine people shared the jackpot, each winning £2,512,517; 34 won £101.401 for five numbers and the bonus; 2,172 won £992 for five numbers; 83,655 won £56 for four; 1,339,836 won £10 for three.

Mystic mug Will it only be a matter of time

with a matine on Saturday for good . Page 2i

WILLIAM REES-MOGG The overseas Chinese may be bet-

ter at being British than the British. Both Hong Kong and Singapore are Anglo-Chinese cities; the people are largely Chinese, but the culture has been conditioned historically by the British connection . Page 20

PETER RIDDELL Despite occasional bursts of frus-

tration, Mr Ashdown is remarkably resilient and believes there is an opportunity to be distinctive from Labour in view of what he sees as Gordon Brown's implausible caution on tax and public spending_

OBTION S

Mollie Panter-Downes, writer; Godfrey Baseley, founder of The

Bloody Sunday inquiry; new Royal Yacht, trauma counselling; mandatory sentences; promotion of drugs; UK steelmaking; kosher fast

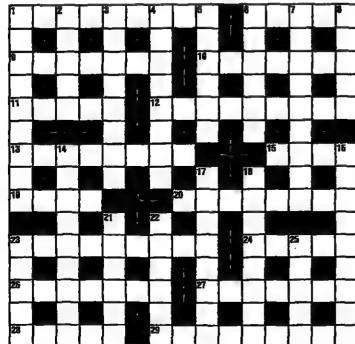
The Spanish Foreign Minister could not have chosen a worse moment to present his generous "co-sovereignty" formula on the future of Gibraltar. It would have been far better for Spain to have waited till the British elections were over before making this offer .-- El Pais, Madrid

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ACROSS

I Redesigned flats suit musicians - little credit re 6 Bankruntev

mains (5). 9 Fall in support for golfing novice

10 A superior assistant (7). 11 One Parisian the German is

subordinate to (5). 12 Once rise's collapsed, this results?

13 At home alone with good book that's really saucy! (8). 15 Only fair (4).

19 One has to reverse a little bit (4). 20 Infantry display put on for Wellington, perhaps (8).

23 Person drawing beer a little light in content (9). A 24 Famous bowler out for a duck

when excited? (5). 26 See star forming part of a mosaic

> The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,392 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

27 Severe shortage of debtor with nothing (7). 28 If heard but not seen, advertise

ment will confuse (5). 29 Exchange rate more accurate for financial manager (9).

1 Form of pasta - cooks cut it fine

2 Trophy given? There's room for

improvement in hospital (5). 3 A number of exercises one left out? Climbers depend on them (8). 4 Fleecing a woman over a piece of

jewelry (8). 5 Poles at church showing pluck (6). 6 Food said to raise a smile (6). 7 Give credit for quality (9).

8 Rook and duck caught by another

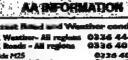
bird - or another (5). 14 It's dire as can be, made fun of (9). 16 He worries people in high places

17 Food served in can (8). 18 Thoughtful bosses accepting financial liability (8).

21 Environmentally concerned English writer (6). 22 Despot's extremely testy harangue (6).

23 Ancient city, a favourite with the artist (5). 25 Listening to a prophet can be such a boring thing (5).

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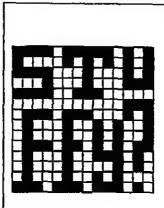
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FORECAST General: England and Wales will have a chilty start with overnight mist and fog that will clear during the morning. Most places will have a dry day with the best of the sunshine appearing in the South East. Northern parts will have constructed with match to be the sunshine appearing in the South East. parts will turn cloudy with mainly ligh

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain, which will be heavy at times, with snow over the higher hills. It will be windy with gales in the north

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☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee Aberdeen, Moray Firth: dry at first, mainly light rain later. Wind southwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 6C

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyli, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N treland: cloudy, rain, heavy at times with snow on the hills. Wind south to southwesterly, strong to gate, locally severe gate at times. Mild, max 8C

☐ Outlook for Tuesday and Wednesday: drizzle or showers in the North and West. Dry with sunshing

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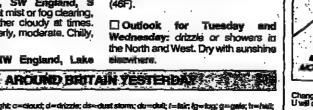
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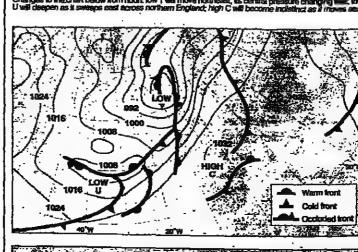
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THREE GOALS IN FINAL 13 MINUTES RESCUE NEWCASTLE Shearer provides perfect finish

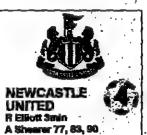
BY DAVID MADDOCK

HOW appropriate that this match was sponsored by the outrageous Viz magazine, because it was played to a script straight from the pages of their cartoon character, Billy the Fish. An Alan Shearer hat-trick in the final 13 minutes was comic-book stuff. winning a game for Newcastle United that they had seeming-

ly thrown away.

Continuing the theme of recent Sunday afternoons, television viewers were treated to a contest of rare drama, a nerveshredding excitement that only English football can provide. And, of course, it had to be that clean-cut Boys' Own hero, Shearer, who provided it.

Even by his standards, it was something special. New-castle, so dominant and confident in the first half, had contrived, in that inimitable fashion of theirs, to allow spirited Leicester City back into the game to such an extent



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what seemed to be an unassailable lead.

Not so. Enter Shearer stage left with an expansive illustration of his myriad talents. It is without exaggeration to suggest that only he, of all the players currently operating in the FA Carling Premiership, could have pulled it off, because he has the rare ability to score goals from nothing.

"It has all been said about Alan before and, with my education. I couldn't add to it." Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, said afterwards. "I do think, though, I now have a better understanding of why Kevin Keegan was bit grey and why Terry McDermott has gone white. If you take the last few minutes of this game and our last one, that's seven goals in 29 minutes - I just wish it was in the first 29 minutes."

But that wouldn't Newcastle, would it. In the space of 90 minutes, they somehow won the game, lost it and won it all over again on a rollercoaster ride that drained the emotions of even the blase St James' Park support.

It had all begun so promis-ingly — and calmly. Newcastle dominated the first half, took the lead and then, typically, failed to press home their advantage. The goal came after barely three minutes. Gillespie crossed from the right, Asprilla had a header blocked and Robbie Elliott

dispatched the loose ball. Ferdinand and Shearer spurped chances to extend the lead before what appeared a significant final five minutes of the first half, in which Newcastle were thwarted a further four times and Leicester suddenly began to believe they could take something from the game after all.

The equaliser came on 56 minutes. Lennon fed Parker, who slung the ball into the penalty area. With the home defence standing too deep, Matt Elliott, recently signed from Oxford United, headed powerfully into the net. Four minutes later, a long throw from the right again found Elliott and, even though his shot was blocked. Heskey was Claridge a shooting opportunity from ten yards that he did not waste.

Heskey, 19, with the build to justify his nickname of "Bruno" and the pace of a bulky Linford Christie, has rich promise, illustrated when he left the Newcastle defence gasping with a break on 68 minutes, which he finished with a brute of a drive into the far corner.

Nevertheless, while Heskey has potential. Shearer is the finished article. One bookmaker had offered odds of 500-1 against the England forward scoring against every Premiership club this season and, with time ticking away, it appeared that his quest would finally be halted with only six clubs remaining. Then, after a Taylor foul on the substitute, Ginola, and with 13 minutes left, he picked up the ball, eyes glearning, on the edge of the penalty area and struck a trademark free kick with genuine venom.

it was a good goal, but the equaliser was better, a turn and lash on the edge of the penalty box that was radarguided through the legs of a defender and into the corner of the net. Thus, with seven minutes remaining. Newcastle were level; two minutes into stoppage time, the winner arrived. Lee crossed and there was Shearer to bundle the ball over the line from close range

"Samebody will try to tell me it was a great game, I just know it, "O'Neill groaned afterwards. On a technical level, maybe not. but great it certainly was.

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Shearer starts the celebrations after scoring Newcastle's dramatic winner at St James' Park yesterday. Photograph: Mark Thompson/Allsport



view, the weekend posed only one serious question. Was this, or was this not, Bill McLaren's last Calcutta Cup? The answer is ... well, how long have you got?

If the question is refined to - was this McLaren's last Calcutta Cup live at Twicken-ham for the BBC? - the answer is yes. The one certainry amid the confusion that surrounds television coverage of the 1998 five nations' championship is BSkyB's multimillion pound contract that secures live coverage for England's matches played at Twickenham, So, unless McLaren follows the pragmatic precedent set by Murray Walker, who has followed grand prix motor racing to ITV, that was indeed his last live commentary of Scotland

playing at headquarters.

A FOOT-FAULT on match

point cost Greg Rusedski the chance of victory against

Goran Ivanisevic in the final

of the Croatian indoor champ-

ionship in Zagreb yesterday. Serving at 7-6 down in the

final set tie-break. Rusedski,

the British No 2, was called for a foot-fault on his first service.

then put his second service low

into the net for a double fault

that handed victory to Ivanisevic, a Croat, in front of

Rusedski stood in angry

protest for several seconds

before walking to the net to

congratulate his opponent, then protested again to the

umpire, before leaving the

court. Until then, Rusedski

had put up a fine fight in the

Ivanisevic had won the first

set on a tie-break too, before

Rusedski took the second 6-4,

the final of the Toray Pan

Pacific Open in Tokyo yester-day with a knee injury, forfeit-

ing the title to Martina

Graf, the world No I, from

Germany, had aggravated an

injury to her left knee during

her semi-final victory over

Holland, on Saturday.
It was Hingis's third straight title and fifth in total

this season, including the

"This morning, I saw the

Australian Open last month.

doctor and I've done every-thing I could," Graf said. "I

tried to go out on to the

practice court, but I knew

that I had no chance to

play. I could not play at

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, of

Hingis, of Switzerland.

two-hour match.

a partisan home crowd.

union is that simple. Early on in the negotiating process. BSkyB bowed to pressure insisting that the championship should remain available to those without satellite dishes. Therefore, the search is on for a terrestrial broadcaster willing to stump up enough money to buy secondary rights for delayed coverage of the

matches at Twickenham. The obvious candidate is the BBC, which, in the past couple of years, has provided outstanding coverage of the five nations' tournament and did its long-standing reputation as "the home of rugby" no harm at all by riding to the last-minute rescue of this season's Heineken Cup. With ITV apparently weary of rugby which is why the European Cup needed rescuing) and Channel 4 uninterested, the

Hapless Rusedski

judged to have

put a foot wrong

By Our Sports Staff

setting up a tense finish in the

Rusedski could count him-

self doubly unfortunate in the

decisive tie-break for, having

fought back from 0-4 down, he

was serving at 5-5 when he

broke a string going for a big service and had to change his

racket. His second service was

in, but a forehand passing

shot took Ivanisevic to match

in the world, threw away his

first chance with a double

fault but made it 7-6 with a

service winner. Then came the

Rusedski had gained the

only service break in the entire

match between two powerful

injured a tendon in the knee

for the first time during

practice for the Eastbourne

tournament shortly before

She also withdrew from a

semi-final match at Leipzig in

September and from a final in

Philadelphia in October

because of the same injury. Her latest withdrawal

meant that Graf, 27, the

winner of the Tokyo tourna-

ment in 1986, 1990 and 1994,

will have to wait a little longer

to become the second woman

tennis player to reach the \$20 million (£12.5 million) mark in

career prize-money.

She had to be satisfied with

the \$67,500 runner-up prize.

while Hingis, 16, collected

\$150,000.

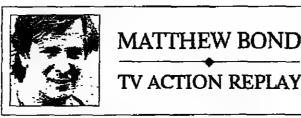
Wimbledon last year.

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Graf knee injury gifts

Hingis another title

The Croatian, ranked No 2



TENNIS: IVANISEVIC SECURES HOME TRIUMPH AFTER CONTROVERSIAL INTERVENTION BY OFFICIAL

corporation should have the field to itself. But it does not. On Saturday, the most prominent hoardings at Twickenham read "Give Me 5". Was this straightforward advertising or an indication of more serious sporting intent by Channel 5, which finally goes on air next month? Well, let me just repeat the well known fact that David Elstein. the head of Channel 5, was until recently director of programming at BSkyB and that his second sporting coup in his

new job - after paying El

servers when he broke

Ivanisevic in the seventh game

The remaining 33 games

were generally won comfort-ably by the server, Ivanisevic

had four break points, none of

which he could win, and

Rusedski succeeded with his

Ivanisevic serving 22 and Rusedski 19, but Rusedski also

showed superb composure for

the highly-partisan crowd

gave him no support at all.

Ivanisevic's winners were greeted with near hysteria.

while Rusedski's were met

After the match, Rusedski

claimed that the line judge

involved - who is also Cro-

atian - had been banned by

the Association of Termis Pro-

fessionals (ATP) from officiat-

ing on the tour again. The same judge had also called a

foot-fault against Rusedski

when he had break

Rusedski said: "The ATP is

banning that linesman specifically from ever doing a tournament again. He is from

Croatia himself. It is not fair

unfortunately, but that's the

"I don't foot-fault. I haven't

been called for one foot-fault

the whole week. It just doesn't

make any sense." He added:

"The only times I was foot-

faulted was on a break-point

and on match-point and [

think the attitude of that particular line judge was

"It was a very unfortunate

Next time I must not allow

ending to a very pleasing week

in which I beat two top players

in Thomas Enqvist and Jan

Goran to get to a final tie-

break, but despite losing the

match I'm very pleased with

unprofessional.

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way it goes sometimes.

Aces were plentiful with

of the second set.

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with silence.

million for the rights to England's World Cup qualifier in Poland in May - was signing up for the rugby union international between Argentina and England in Buenos Aires. Clearly, the BBC will not have it all its own way.

Yet there is far more at stake than the rights to delayed pictures from Twickenham. The Welsh, Scottish and Irish unions all turned down BSkyB's approach, leaving the rights for live coverage of games at Murrayfield, Cardiff Arms Park and Lansdowne

Road up for grabs. If the BBC could pick up those contracts together with the subsidiary rights from Twickenham, then Bill McLaren could keep on commentating on Calcutta Cup matches for as long as he is willing, fit and able.

Which, on the evidence of

Saturday's game, could be for a few years yet. True, in the heat of battle, he invented someone called Will Underwood", who had apparently captained England some 59 times, while Derek Stark is probably none to pleased about having his acceleration compared to that of a Rolls-Royce — but otherwise McLaren had a good and splendidly impartial game.

Neither he nor Bill Beaumont, who, having lost A Question of Sport, has somecontroversial penalty try. but given that their sound link chose that minute to give up and that yesterday's newspapers offered umpteen explanations of Paddy O'Brien's decision, I don't think we can

be too hard on them for that. Full marks to the director for digging out the replay at half-time, which showed that the touch judge was right to disallow Rob Wainwright's disputed try. Less fulsome praise for missing far too. much live action while showing replays and for a poor job keeping the score from Cardiff Arms Park secret. The BBC sound men may have muffled Twickenham's public address system, but nothing could disguise the subsequent roar of the crowd. Exiled exactly what that meant.

South Africa retain unblemished record

JACQUES KALLIS scored a career-best 79 as South Africa beat India by six wickets in Port Elizabeth to remain unbeaten in the three-nation limited-overs cricket series. Allan Donald took three wickets to help to limit India to 179 for nine off 50 overs, with Kaliis claiming two victims before guiding his side to 180 for four in reply with almost five overs

The victory gives South Africa a 5-0 record in the tournament, which also includes Zimbabwe, while India have two defeats and a draw. South Africa and India face each other once more, with India and Zimbabwe then playing twice to determine who meets the hosts in the final. India never recovered from losing three wickets for only li runs, although Rabul Dravid and Mohammad Azharrudin managed to take the score to respectable heights with a 105-run partnership for the fourth wicket. Both reached halfcenturies, the only bright spots in an otherwise drab batting

Riegler races home

SKIING: Claudia Riegler, of New Zealand, denied Pernilla Wiberg the World Cup slalom title yesterday with a comfortable win in Laax, Switzerland. Leading after the first run, Riegler raced down the Barguns course to chalk up her third victory of the season with a combined time of lmin

Wiberg, of Sweden, leader of the slalom standings and the overall World Cup, shared third place with Martina Accola, of Switzerland, both 0.01sec behind the day's surprise package, Lara Magoni, of Italy. Eighth after the first run, Magoni posted the fastest second run to take second place with an aggregate time of 1:20.82. Katja Seizinger, of Germany, the defending world champion, did not compete because she was still suffering from a head injury suffered in a spectacular fall in the downhill on Saturday.

Defeat stings Bees

ICE HOCKEY: Bracknell Bees went to Sheffield on Saturday full of optimism, with a record of four wins in their previous five games, only to find that the Steelers, out of sorts of late, had regained their form and they were beaten 3-0. Sheffield are now two points behind Cardiff Devils in the Superleague after Cardiff had a convincing 4-0 win over Ayr Scottish Eagles.

New role for Lowe

RUGBY LEAGUE: Graham Lowe, right, the former New Zealand, Warringah and coach, has agreed to be consultant to the South African Rugby League after the Rhinos' encouraging showing at the Super League's World Nines, in Townsville, Australia. Great Britain lost 10-0 to Western Samoa in the semi-finals yesterday. Britain won their five group games, including a victory over New Zealand, who beat Samoa 16-0 in the final.



Hayles sets new mark

CYCLING: Rob Hayles (Team Ambrosia), the national ten miles champion, broke the 40 kilometre event record by lmin 43sec in time trials near Havant. Hampshire, yesterday, finishing in 57min lisec. In Kettering, Harry Walker (GS Metro), the silver medal-winner last year in the 50 miles championship, broke both event and course record in the 26.4-mile trial by 64sec, with a time of ihr 03min 20sec.

Imperial triumph

ROWING: Bill Mason, the coach to the Great Britain women's Olympic eight last summer, was back in his accustomed role with Imperial College at the Peterborough. Head on Saturday and could be seen giving competitors pre-race advice. It worked, for Imperial students, many combining with Queen's Tower alumni, won ten divisions despite the first eight baving been left at home to train.

Double goes west

LACROSSE: West Territory completed a double triumph when they won the junior territorial title at Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, on Saturday, to add to their victory in the reserves' tournament. Coached by Sarah Butt, the England player, West beat East 3-1, Midlands 4-2, North 5-1, South 3-0 and Wales 6-1. They now have their sights fixed on the triple crown - the senior territorials start next Saturday.

Rusedski takes the game to Ivanisevic, the home favourite, in Zagreb yesterday SNOOKER: OLD FAVOURITE SUFFERS ANOTHER DEFEAT AS HENDRY MOVES CLOSER TO NEW MILESTONE

Parrott prevails as White's game goes to pot

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY WHITE'S depressing sequence of defeats continued yesterday when he was beaten p-5 by John Parrott for a place in the quarter-linals of the Benson & Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre.

White, a perennial favourite at the game's premier invita-tion event, led 3-0, 4-3 and 5-1. but found it impossible to complete his first victory of a thoroughly miserable season. The Londoner, who has fallen to No 41 in the provisional world rankings, has lost 12 consecutive matches.

Parrott, mentally "bushed" by a sapping run to the semi-finals of the Regal Welsh Open last week, was plagued by mistakes induced by a lack of concentration. A prime example was the missed pink at 25-0 in the ninth frame that

allowed White in for an 81 clearance.
It was White's only contribution of note, though, and a recurring inability to convert scoring chances into frames

led directly to another demoralising defeat. The opening match of the tournament produced a surprise result as Brian Morgan,

who was awarded a wild-card invitation after winning the sponsor's satellite event three months ago, defeated Tony Drago, of Malta, 5-2.

Stephen Hendry, who be-gins his challenge for a sev-enth Masters title in nine attempts against Morgan in the last 16 on Tuesday, increased his advantage at the head of the provisional rankings to more than 6,000 points by winning the Welsh Open title on Saturday. Hendry's 62nd trophy was lifted following a comprehen-

ly put together runs of 140 and 101 to seize the opening two frames. That former effort, a total clearance, earned the Scot £5,000 for the highest televised break. That, in addition to the first prize of £37,500, took his total competitive earnings for the season, in which he has also prevailed at the United Kingdom championship and Liverpool Victoria sive 9-2 victory over Mark King in an anticlimatic final Charity Challenge, to more than £200,000.

that was as one-sided as the

over the contest from the

moment that Hendry smooth-

An air of inevitability hung

score suggests.

and should have taken the fifth to trail only 3-2. He missed a reasonably straightforward red when leading 50-32. however. Hendry cleared to pink for 4-1 and, after compiling a 106 break in the next Irame, moved 6-1

The world champion met little resistance in the concluding session. Hendry, now successful in 27 ranking events, needs to capture eight more titles to equal Steve Davis's unprecedented haul of 70. On this evidence, it is surely only a matter of time.

SWIMMING: BRITON LOSES EUROPEAN 100 METRES BUTTERFLY RECORD IN UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES

Unknown Ushkov spoils Hickman's birthday party

FROM CRAIG LORD IN GELSENKIRCHEN

IF RUSSIA'S rocket fails to fire, watch out for her loose cannon. For when James Hickman, of Great Britain, was taught a coming-of-age lesson on his 21st birthday at the sixth round of the World Cup here yesterday, the man who broke his four-day-old European 100 metres butterfly record hailed, as expected, from Volgograd. However, it was the wrong man.

Denis Pankratov, the double Olympic and world champion, had set a world record over 200 metres on Saturday in Imin 52.64sec. Hickman finished second in 1min 55.00sec, a British record, and their clash in the 100 metres was eagerly awaited.

It was not to be, however. Pankratov false-started in the heats of the 100 metres yesterday morning and the one-start World Cup rule kept him out of the final.

In that final, neither Hickman nor anyone else, bar perhaps the Russians, had rated as a contender 19year-old Konstantin Ushkov, the second Russian challenger. Aping his better known training partner, Ushkov swam the first length underwater, taking an obligatory stroke into the wall at his first turn. The early lead

he gained was decisive and though Hickman fought back, he could not match the Russian's 52.26sec, against the 52,34sec that the Briton had clocked in Glasgow on Wednesday. and his 52.49sec for second place

Pankratov said Ushkov's time was a surprise, and that he hoped to break the world 100 metres record in Paris next Sunday, when the World Cup

On Saturday, Marcel Wouda, of the Netherlands set a world record of 4mins 05.59sec in the 400 metres medley. The third world record came

in the 50 metres breaststroke where

Xue Han, a 15-year-old Chinese. lowered her own mark by 0.10sec to 30.77sec. There were also European records from Russia's Nina Zhivanevskaia (58.99sec in the heats of the 100 metres backstroke), and from Germany's Jorg Hoffmann (3mins 40.78 in the 400 metres freestyle) and Sandra Volker (26.97sec in the 50 metres butterfly).

Volker's temporary training partner in Hamburg is Britain's Mark Foster, winner yesterday of the 50 metres freestyle for the fourth consecutive year. Britain's other success came from Susan Rolph, of Newcastle, who won the 100 metres medley.

Ballesteros's Ryder Cup worries eased by Martín

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros, Spain's first Ryder Cup captain, has been worrying that his Europe side against the United States in September might not contain a Span-

That worry receded yester-day when Miguel Angel Mar-tin won the Heineken Classic in Perth and, as a result, leaped to second place in the Ryder Cup table. Martin, 34, won £107,546 and now has 251,575 Ryder Cup points. To be sure of being in Ballesteros's team he needs another 100,000 points.

There was another good side to Martin's win at The Vines and this was the moral fibre that he demonstrated on the 72nd hole. It has been known for some time that he has talent but there had been doubts as to whether he had the heart to go with it. The way that he exploded from a greenside bunker to six feet and then holed the putt for a birdie four to win by one stroke from Fred Couples suggests that he has.

So ended the Heineken Classic, a tournament that has been dogged by controversy. First, there was Michael Campbell's admission that last year he had deliberately

the cut at a tournament in Europe. Then, John Daly turned in another of those performances that strain to breaking point the loyalties of those who want to think well

After an 83 in the third round, Daly was the first out yesterday and, accompanied by a marker, raced around in 130 minutes. He used his driver on almost every hole. which was a clear sign that he had lost interest. A 76 and last place prompted an admonition for the 1995 Open champion from Tony Roosenburg, the tournament promoter, and the

three-putted in order to miss man who paid Daly a handsome appearance fee. "He is one of the most talented players in the game but has to go and live a little bit as an athlete and as a grown-up." Roosenburg said. "He is now entertainment value for the spectators. Nobody takes him

seriously any more." Tiger Woods's third round in the AT & T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am presented a stark contrast to Daly's performance in Australia. Woods started the day at two under par, in danger of missing the cut for the first time as a pro-

Whereas Daly seems to have difficulties motivating himself, Woods has none. He had nine birdies in a 63 that resulted in him moving to joint fifth. That was the good news for Woods. The bad news was that he still lost ground on David Duval, the leader. Playing at Pebble Beach, Duval went to the turn in 28, a course record on his way to a 62 and a record 54hole total of 198, 18 under par, and leads by three strokes from Jim Furyk and Mark O'Meara. Jesper Parnevik is fourth, one stroke further







Football and politics combine to deal body blow

JUST when English football has regained some esteem and influence abroad, the Football Association and the main political parties have colluded to shoot themselves in the foot. The outrage from Lancaster Gate, and from the Government and Labour opposition this weekend concerning the FA's bid to stage the World Cup in 2006, could make

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them all a laughing stock.

The unholy alliance of football and politics first amused and now has annoyed so many of the European and world executives on both Uefa and Fifa, that, if any chance of England usurping Germany as the preferred candidate for 2006 existed, it is sunk now.

"The FA have forgotten the Uefa policy that one official candidate should be put forward for each continent," Gerhard Aigner, the Uefa general secretary, said yester-day. "It seems unfortunate that a

former vice-president of Uefa should have forgotten that he was present at meetings, in 1993, 1994 and 1995, all of which endorsed the German candidature for 2006.*

Aigner, not wishing to name Sir Bert Millichip, who retired as FA chairman last summer, agreed that Sir Bert, and others, had been present when Europeans had agreed in unison that the Koren-Japan rivalry for 2002, with its obscene costs in both financial and political terms, should never berepeated, particularly not on the mother continent of the world game.

"I was astonished first to learn that England intended to rival Germany's candidature when I saw invitations from John Major, the Prime Minister, to Uela executive Downing Street on February 12. That was why, when the executive committee met in Lisbon last week,

Rob Hughes believes that English opposition to Germany's 2006 World Cup bid is ill-judged

they instructed me to write to the FA, reminding them of Ucfa's commitment to support Germany." How could England have become so uninformed, so confused, as to use the weapon of publicity to counteract this private letter? The answer is that England's presence on the councils of influence in world

football equates to a hole in space. They have no leading official on any influential Fife or Uefa committee, whereas Germany has Egidius Braun, vice-president and treasurer of Uefa, chairman of the organisi committee for Euro 96, and two colleagues on virtually every impor-

the Fifa technical committee and

Franz Beckenhauer lends his ideas to Task Force 2000, Fifa's think-rank for the game's future. Yesterday, Pele, no less, gave public support to Beckenbauer as a likely successor to the Fila president, João Havelange.

The Germans are everywhere, the English nowhere. Yet the FA, under its chief executive Graham Kelly, has convinced the Prime Minister and Tony Blair, the Labour leader, that there has been what Blair called "a cosy stitch-up" hetween Germany and Uefa.

Jack Cunningham, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary, also believing what he was told by the FA, spoke at the weekend of "an attempt to hijack European support our politicians are in cloud-cuckoo land, the Prime Minister pronounced that England, uniquely, has the tradition and the facilities to grace this particular World Cup.

It was not a German but a

Norwegian and a Turkish member of the Lefa executive who suggested last week that England be reined in from opposing the German bid. Those delegates are aware that Germany has a record of continual service to football on the Continent; that, over the last 20 years, Germany has prepared stadiums in readiness to act as a stand-by should

any of the World Cups. In those years, and right up to 1993, when Germany presented its candidature for 2006. England was not only under-represented in the working committees of the game, but knocking at the door from the outside, trying to shed the image of

Bringing it down from national ities to personalities, there are already those within Uela - and because the L'efa and Fifa executives are inextricably linked, also the wider body — who find it hard to believe that the concerted English accusations of foul play by Uefa should attempt to discredit Lennart

He, the Swedish president of Uefa and potentially the next president of Fifa, had, through personal friend-ship with Sir Bert, put his own position at risk to propose football coming home to England for the European championship.
It is hurtful to Lennart

Johansson, this situation," a Uefa member said last night. . For Lennart believed England was worth a chance. Even when nobody agreed with him, he was so persuasive that, in the end, Euro 96



England's hurried departure leaves a lot to be desired

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN WANGANUI

WANGANUI (final day of four): New Zealand A beat England XI by 90 runs

ENGLAND let themselves down here, not so much by losing a march, which was merely untimely, but by losing a significant test of character. Through this, more even than through their failure to win the first Test, they have sur-rendered a healthy psychological advantage to New Zealand.

It was no disgrace to be beaten by a talented New Zealand A side, for this was always destined to be a fixture of dubious benefit to England. They could not easily be pardoned, however, for the manner the match was conceded and the impression they conveyed that being asked to play here at all was an

No one represented this theory more revealingly than the man whose job it is to tions, David Lloyd. From the ing ground in an unremark-able country town, the England coach was simmering with resentments over the scheduling and setting of the game. As the weekend passed, his views hardened into something approaching a persecu-

tion complex.
It had its outcome when Lloyd strode, stony-faced, into the press tent yesterday, immediately after Phil Tufnell had ended the match with an unambiguously uninterested innings. Lloyd tacitly condoned Tufnell's attitude by saying: "I don't want to be long. We've got better things to do, a proper game to think about. Half-an-hour later, the

team bus left for Wellington. Lloyd has a fixation that the demands on his side since the Auckland Test have been unreasonable. Repeatedly, he has returned to the theme. "We can now have the rest we didn't get after the Test match," he said pointedly. "I'm sure the New Zealanders have enjoyed the last five or six days. I haven't noticed them

playing much cricket." He argues that England have now worked for ten consecutive days — I don't count a travel day as a rest"and that they faced ambitious

conspiring against smitable preparation for the two re-maining Test matches. He has half a point but no more.

Does he seriously believe England have been singled out, victimised in a way to which touring teams are unaccustomed? Surely not. Crowded itineraries are standard these days. Australia, for instance, will have only one day after the first Test in England this summer before playing two three-day county lixtures back-to-back. Is that any less of an imposition?

Lloyd has already entered

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-6, 3-72, 4-126, 5-126, 6-143, 7-216, 8-241, 9-266, SCMLANS: Abot 16-1-76-1; David 16-3-63-2; Kornady 10-2-32-0; Wickeman 20-6-84-2; Hards 2-4-1-4-1.

barrassing monologue this winter, when his reaction to the conclusion of the Bulawayo Test was, at best, ungracious. Yesterday, refusing to be shaken from his subject, his hands clenched, his brows knitted, he again did neither himself nor his players any service, instead arousing concerns about his temperamen-

tal suitability for the position. He is a man of many virtues, a personality to whom the players warm, an innovaopposition on an unreliable tor when coaching and a pitch within a park ground, all natural communicator. But he when coaching and a that passion rages unchecked and he habitually communicates personal gripes best left unsaid, it can only be counter-productive. His tenure as coach, launched only last summer with refreshing vigour and to general approval, will continues to allow his demeanour to become so trans-

perently negative.

Perspective is precious in these situations and, just as Lloyd seems to have lost his over a few difficult days here, so the trigger reaction to another England defeat should not necessarily be extreme. It is crucial to remember that, less than a week ago. England were one ball away from a crushing Test victory and that, as yet, there is no cause to doubt they are better than New Zealand. With that said, Lloyd was unconvincing when he claimed: This game has not damaged us in the

slightest."
The contrast in mood and was stark, if not entirely surprising. England, with six weary survivors of Eden Park, looked to be going through the motions for much of the game, while the New Zealanders played with the roistering, communal spirit of a group with much to gain.

The England Test openers, Nick Knight and Michael Atherton, both failed twice, there was no positive resolution to the bowling debates. Chris Silverwood had a very good day and a very poor one, Andy Caddick bowled with life but no hack and Robert Croft managed only two wickets from 39 overs on a pitch offering generous turn.

By the final morning, the cause seemed lost but Croft and Jack Russell offered 75 minutes of positive defiance, carrying their seventh-wicket stand to 73 before Croft was held at short leg from a full-

The tail then submitted meekly and when Tufnell ignored attempts to shepherd him off the strike and slogged Harris wilfully to mid-off. Russell looked property shocked. Far more worrying than the result, however, was the sense that England settled happily for it in exchange for an unseemly early departure.



Hussain, the England vice-captain, is forced to take evasive action by Allott

New Zealand turn to student

FROM ALAN LEE

for Northern Districts against

England a fortnight ago.

evocative of Philip Tufnell at

his best, five years ago. Boffinish of appearance,

DANIEL VETTORI Was spending Saturday in a way that boys just out of school tend to do. He was with his mates, planning "a big night" to celebrate the end of exams, the start of freedom. Then he had a telephone message that changed his plans and his

young life. When Vettori returned a call from Ross Dykes, conve-nor of New Zealand's selectors, he was told that he had been chosen in the 12 for the second Test against England, starting in Wellington on Thursday, "I was baffled," Vettori said, "Completely

Hardly surprising, really.

Vettori turned 18 only a week land, and two more against ago and, if he plays, he will become New Zealand's youn-Sri Lanka.

The future for Danny Morgest Test cricketer. Remarkably, he has played only two rison looks far less healthy, even though he belied his reputation and his position at first-class matches, the first No ll to bat for almost three hours and save the first Test. when his left-arm spin was However, he was in the team to bowl, not bat, and he bowled conspicuously badly.

Morrison's place has gon Vettori may have to put on to Geoff Allott, who took eight hold his health sciences degree course at university. Dykes and his fellow selectors Zealand could have two leftarmers in a well-balanced have identified him as "a very attack, though Vettori may be special talent" and have omitted to accommodate the promised that he will remain in their squad for the two remaining Tests against Eng-Harris, who replaces Justin

Lara's century comes too late for West Indies

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERTH

Australia won toss): West Indies, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 110 runs ahead of Australia

BRIAN LARA has made a century at long last, and a very good one, but, far from giving West Indies cause to rejoice, his innings yesterday was a reminder of how much he has let them down on this tour. Lara's 132, the eighth Test hundred of his career, enabled his team to claim a lead of 110 by the end of the second day. How much better it would have been for him, and them, if he had made it in the first innings at Brisbane.

It was there, two long months ago, that Australia took the first step towards winning this series. West Indies are in a strong position to triumph here, on a cracked oitch of variable bounce, and if they do they can thank Lara. who, for once, lived up to his reputation. He made his runs from 184 balls, found the boundary 15 times and cleared it once he was safely past three figures, when he lifted Warne over long-on.

strokes after starting his innings in a subdued manner, heart some strong words about his obligations to the side. Bevan, the chinaman West Indies at Adelaide, was swept and pulled out of the attack and the other bowlers saw the full face of a bat brought down with a mighty flourish. Lara added 208 for the third

wicket with Samuels, who did not long outlive him. After Warne had persuaded Lara to push at a wider ball, to be caught behind, Samuels was taken at silly mid-off. Samuels had served his side well in making 76, but it was not an recalled. He does not move his feet much, and you would not invest much money on him becoming the opening bats-man that West Indies require.

Of his many handsome strokes, Lara's most pleasurable was the cover drive that brought up his hundred. The fact that it came off Warne

PERTH (second day of five: would not have hurt him. either. There were also a couple of those wonderful pull shots, achieved with a straight but as though he was driving the ball through mid-wicket off the back foot. When he chose to drive down the ground he did that with pow-

Warne bowled six overs before lunch, giving away only a couple of runs, but he was not seen again until shortly before tea, when Lara was 92. It is true that the pitch favoured the faster bowlers, among whom McGrath again stood out, but Taylor's reluctance to use Warne was a bit surprising. Reiffel had prob-lems landing his front leg, as he has had all winter, with the effect that Australia exceeded

West indies' total of no-balls. In the end, Warne got Lara for the third time in successive innings, except that here Lara had something to show for it. West Indies managed to make 300 for only the second time in their past 14 innings against Australia and, having at-

tained a significant lead with and with Hooner at the crease - they have a strong chance of claiming victory.

Hooper was by turns elegant and punishing as he moved to a half-century of his own in the last session, after three wickets fell to the new ball. West Indies made more than 130 in each of the last two sessions, after an opening two hours in which they made 59 for the loss of Campbell and, to a top-edged hook.

Chanderpaul.
It was less hot than it had been on Saturday, when temperatures of 46C meant that Ambrose and Bishop alternatpreserve their energy. Lara was leading proceedings in the field as Walsh left it after bowling nine overs with a pulled hamstring. He hopes to be fit to bowl in Australia's second innings, but with Ambrose in the form he showed on the first day, the captain might not be needed.

BADMINTON

Goode carries all before her

By RICHARD EATON

JOANNE GOODE almost certainly made a piece of sporting history by winning a national title while four months pregnant yesterday. Goode, the former All England mixed doubles champion, and Simon Archer, her new partner this season, needed little more than half an hour to overcome Chris Hunt and Donna Kellogg 15-15, 15-2 in the final at Norwich, a victory which many thought might have been beyond her.

There had been moments during the women's doubles semi-final, which Goode and lost Gillian Gowers earlier in the day, when her mobility was found wanting. But in the mixed Goode was always in control, picking off winners in the front court as Archer, one of the world's hardest hitters, created openings with thun-derous smashes and lightning fast jabs and whips.

It was sometimes difficult to

believe that Hunt is the Commonwealth Games gold med-al winner in this event and Kellogg a triple national innior champion. The outcome of the final was only in doubt until 8-5 in the first game after which Archer and Goode broke away with a run of seven successive points on Goode's serve. In the second



game, the second seeds went from 3-2 to 15-2, only losing the service on seven occasions. Her husband, the British Olympic manager, Andy Goode, admitted: "I was a little anxious at times. She only played hard in patches

earlier in the tournament." Goode, herself, insisted: "I felt comfortable. I was able to take the net and played hard right through the final. There were no problems - but I won't compete again until I have had the baby."

Earlier Peter Knowles won the men's singles title, taking advantage of the absence of Darren Hall, the injured eight-times champion. by beating the unseeded Steffan Pandya 15-1, 15-1 in only 25 minutes. The women's singles title was recaptured by Julia. Mann after saving a specific point in the first game against Joanne Muggeridge and going on to win 12-11, 11-4. **FOOTBALL**

Doncaster put in their place by Lionesses

MILLWALL Lionesses provided further evidence that the balance of power in the women's game has shifted irrevocably with their third victory of the season over Doncaster Belles yesterday. Their con-vincing 3-0 win took the Lionesses through to the quar-ter-finals of the WFA Cup and keeps them on course for the

Millwall had beaten Doncaster just once in their history - in the WFA Cup final in 1991 - before this season, but the solid set-up at Millwall, and a dwindling spirit at the Belles, has combined to change all

max A neat chip from Tina. Lindsay put Millwall shead after 20 minutes and Lou Waller made it 20 with a curling free kick. Pru Buckley then completed the scoring

HOCKEY

Southgate rocked by

IMPRESSIVE finishing by Richard Gibson and an increased workrate throughout the team were responsible for an impressive 5-2 victory for East Grinstead at Southgate in the National League premiler division match

side, hattled well and although 4-0 down at half-time. they could point to two efforts that had missed by inches and a shot taken off the line by

visitors a two-goal lead before Gibson, who struck in the 31st, 32nd and 38th minutes - the second goal coming from a penalty stroke — made the game safe as Cadman, in the Southgate goal, endured a harrage of shots.

Southgate retaliated with a goal by Gibbins in the 52nd

Gibson's hat-trick and another two minutes later by Amarjit Bhogai.

home, could not contain Reading, who won 3-2 after the teams had shared four goals in the first half. Ashdown's second goal, in the 55th minute yesterday. Southgate, with a depleted from a short corner, proved

Teddington won their seventh successive match by defeating Surbiton 3-1. Billson, McGuire, from a short corner. and Hauck scoring for Teddington and Sexton for Surbiton. Cannock beat Hav-Head and Bhatti gave the ant 34 to stay at the top of the table. Crutchley scoring all

their goals. Hounslow eased their relegation worries with a 6-2 home win over Old Loughtonians but Barford Tipers. another side in trouble, lost 4-0 at home to Guildford.

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First impressions prove deceptive as Wales flounder

By GERALD DAVIES

WALES enjoyed an opening assault that you might say was too good to be true: admira-tion mingled with a generous portion of disbelief accompanied the spellbinding broadside, With seamless co-ordination, nearly half the team laid their hands on the ball without interruption, Wales scoring their first try after 3) seconds

It was as if the past fortnight had not interrupted Wales; as if they had cantered off Murravfield and trainsed without pause on to the Arms Park to continue where they had left off against Scotland Wales's long-cherished dreams were being realised to the full-throated rendering of Bread of Heaven. It was hardly believable. The good times were back.

Another chase by Evans nearly brought him his second try which, after Elwood's penalty goal, might have proved enough to undermine altogether whatever ambition Ireland held at the start of this Heineken international, What a fall there was that followed.

Wales, instead of waxing to this inspirational beginning. seemed to be diminished by their half-minute's brilliance, whereas Ireland appeared transfigured by such an early turn of events. At any rate, Ireland, but for the final ten minutes, when Wales revived, had a better understanding of their theme and played studiously to it.

After Wales's sudden burst, Davidson and Johns dominatfor their own players to compose themselves and so denied Wales any further advantage.

For the next hour, though never in command, they were confidently sure of the path that would bring them victory. While Ireland, yet again, could not provide a concerted effort for the full 80 minutes, Brian Ashton, their coach, believes that "this victory is a nice platform for the English

The bedrock upon which this victory was based was

The France selectors hope that Alain Penaud, who led Brive to the Heineken Cup last month, will be fit to play against Wales in Parls on February 15. Penaud damaged an ankle against Leicester but is in the squad.

FRANCE SQUAD: Backe: J-L. Sede (Colomiers), D Vendati (Bree), E Ntar

carved in the shape of Corkery, McBride and, especially, the ubiquitous Miller. threatened by Howley or by the more physically powerful Quinnell, Williams and Charvis. The Ireland trio, in turn, were more likely to create danger by their forages into a Wales defence that was more yielding than against

The luck that they had at Murrayfield also deserted them when Elwood's garry-



Thus Ireland controlled the that the ball shaved the post as possession at the critical time it descended. Jenkins took the ball but, brushing against the upright, let the ball slip from his grip into Bell's eager hands for a try that took Ireland into the lead.

The prologue to their first try was the initial sign of the significant role that Elwood was to play for the remainder formation in front of him. He had an inside player. Hogan, who insisted that his oppo-nents paid attention to him. Thus Elwood's way was clearly defined to take the overview. He did so with aplomb. his cunning kicks, aimed largely James, towards spreadeagling

simplicity to their game. If they needed to move forward quickly, for instance, Ireland adopted a straightforward kick. Wales, on the other hand, would push and shove. ruck and maul their way grindingly forward.

Ireland held the cutting edge in attack and capitalised swiftly. After their first try, Hogan was the next to run and was supported by Elwood before Miller pushed his way over. Elwood converted.

The next try, in the 33rd minute, was spearheaded by Staples in his own half. This was equally smart with Hickie, on his debut, benefiting from Corkery's pass. Had Elwood been as adept with his attempts at goal as he had been with his tactical kicking. Ireland might have been more handsomely in the lead at the

Another superlative try by Evans in the sixth minute of the second half, after Elwood's penalty goal, suggested that Wales might recapture the verve of their previous international, but, after the standoff halves had exchanged penalty goals, Scott Quinnell's try, in the 76th minute, came

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Neschiel (Newcastle), P S Wallace (Saracens), D S Conteny (Bristo), P S Johns
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W D McBride (Malona), E R P Miller
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When falling behind is the perfect start

seconds. Wales scored touching the ball and that was regathered their strength, Jim Staples, their captain, voiced a true piece of Irishness in his distinctly old English tones. "It's 0.0," he shouted. "We haven't started yet. We start now." In other words, they cheated by scoring when we were not ready. Go and ram myths. The myth of the "early

How often has one heard about the soothing nature of an early goal? The Alka-Seltzer theory, if you like. Side A score quickly at home and, magically, the cares of the world dissolve, the mind clears, the stomach defreezes, victory is assured. Across the eyeline, side B, demoralised at being behind so early, shrivels up and dies. But there are early goals and early goals. Wates infringed the rules.

scribbled all over their tactical

up everything. It is the one thing the coach has not pre-pared for. "Hey, boys, this is what we do when we score after 31 seconds." It does not happen. It ruins everything. Think about it. There you

are, in Wales red, the strains

of Bread of Heaven ringing in one ear, the final words of the coach ringing in the other. tting them dictate, that sort of thing. So, right from the kick-off, the forwards rush in, the ball is out, the backs accelerate through a well-rehearsed routine, leuan Evansscores - 7-0 and barely a minute gone. Relax, your mind says, this is a piece of cake Look, we scored without trying. The crowd is delirious. Think how many we could get here. Now what was it the

Think of it the Irish way. Now, boys, they will come at you straight from the kick-off, try to quieten the crowd, stick to the same-plan and do

ANDREW LONGMORE



At the Arms Park

nothing stupid. Straight from the kick-off, the ball is whipped past your face and, before you know it, the scoreboard resds 0-7 - and you think "Damn the game-plan, we're behind here and we have to concentrate and get

right back at them". Or, to put it another way: we have not started yet, we start. now. Ireland's start happened to coincide with the Wales's

Think of the crowd, too, paper talk of revival having heightened by the presence of the five nations' trophy. "The first time the trophy has visited Cardiff since 1992," the grim-voiced announcer reminds us. "Let us hope it finds a permanent residence here some time to come," he adds with a touch of mutology. Then Wales score and expectations, already wildly inflated, soar heavenwards. only to spend the next hour in gravity's grip. Wales did not score again for 39 minutes. Ireland, who are supposed

to be the whipping boys, take control of the match and the disaffection spreads. Thirtyone seconds of high, 7912 minutes of low. Thomas kicks again, straight down the throat of the full back, and the grown sweeps down from the stands and burrows deep into the recesses of desperate minds. The crowd is working in favour of Ireland now. How else do ireland man-age to defy all logic in Cardiff.

1983? It is more than just coincidence. It is the law of reverse swing, except in the mind. Every time, Wales ex-pect to beat Ireland on their own ground: every time, they are surprised; every time, they forget that Ireland thrive on surprise, that every win is a surprise. Nothing to lose, go

Perhaps that is why the Weish Rugby Union is pull-ing its stadium down in time for the 1999 World Cup. building another one, one that does not carry the ghosts of Gareth and Gerald and Barry and Phil and all the other great champions.

In the cold light of morning. Wales will try to gather some crumbs of comfort from defeat. Another two minutes and they would have made it: but ireland deserved to win. Had Elwood not missed a kickable conversion and a penalty late in the first half, the game would have been out of Wales's reach by half-time. Ireland, after all, had the perfect start - 0-7 and a whole

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Any optimism that the standard of rugby in Great Britain and Ireland is improving is dismissed by Glenn Ross with as much

much in the time I have been away," Ross said after watching Ireland

Glen Ross, a coach from New Zealand, suggests performances so far in this season's championship need to be kept in perspective. John Hopkins reports

Rugby within five nations still sterile and negative

force as an All Blacks forward drive. Ross, a New Zealander who was christened in memory of Glenn Miller, the band leader, should know. Now coaching The Highlanders in the Super 12 series, he coached Northampton from 1991 to 1994 and were quite disappointing against us, but I am not sure I am witnessing a is back in Britain in charge of Otago, who defeated England A in Bristol 42-15 on Friday.
"I don't think things have changed

defeat Wales in Cardiff and before viewing a video of the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham. "The players and clubs in England may have been

sidetracked a hit by the dispute [between the Rugby Football Union and the leading clubs in England] and I am uncertain of the true strength of the first division in England," he said. "London Irish

lot of progress.

British players have been conditioned to play a certain type of rugby. It is fairly sterile, fairly negative and slow. It is without the dynamism and speed necessary to break open a team. New Zealand teams used to play that way, but we quickly learnt

"We have been blessed with a very heavy Polynesian influence in our rugby. These men love running. They are very quick and have a particular type of hardness. They have a natural desire to play the game the way it is

being played at present."
In Cardiff, Ross was more impressed with Ireland than with Wales. "Wales's ball retention left a lot to be desired," he said. "I was: disappointed because, from what I had heard. Wales would be full of running, trying to beat their men, but

we had to react to changes in the I did not see any of that. They did not same look as though they had the limess to play that sort of game. Scott Quinnell is an impact player. I am not sure about his workrate. One burst for a

short period and then a rest.

Treland were committed for 50 minutes and then lost it. The Irish pack were real workers. The tight five were very committed and the back three played well. They played the game at a high rate."
Ross said that he was disappointed

with Arwel Thomas's performance. "He was very lateral in his running, which made it difficult for the Wales" to be in the faces of the opposition in attack and defence."

Ross praised England A's efforts. even though they were outscored by five tries to three. "I was pleased with the way they attempted to move the ball around and not kick it," he said. On the other hand, Otago gave a good demonstration of forceful attacking and sustaining movements. The scoreline flattered England A.

"We were a bit disappointed at our performance in the first 20 minutes," Ross said. "We did a fair amount of damage, but we didn't profit from it. Running straight, generating power, the ability to transfer the ball quickly to a supporting player, these are all things I believe in."

Otley win a reward for the motley few

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE hills around Otley were alive with orienteers. Shop-pers bustled about the Yorkshire market town and in a bar someone was struggling to set the video for the match. On five nations' day, rugby folk generally retire to the fireside. By kick-off, around 150 people

had loyally gathered to sup-port Otley's third division cause They had their reward in a battling home victory. However, when many clubs in the lower reaches of the Courage Clubs Championship are scrapping to carn a living. surely games can kick-off ear-

Like Otley, although not challenging for promotion, Lydney have surprised themselves by their progress after three years in fifth division

lier on international match

south. On Saturday, though. other than a powerful forward surge that preceded a try by Kilby, the No 8, the Gloucestershire side's traditional strength was multified by

Otley's tackling. Richard Kelt finished two of Otley's four tries with flair and pace and his defence showed that they should not miss Simon Middleton, who has returned to rugby league with Castleford. Missed tackles and hesitation by Lydney brought further tries on the

wings by Darby and Kirkby. When Lydney found their threequarters, Mutyzambizi, a converted back-row forward. displayed a nice turn of pace. SCORERS: Odey: Trine: Not (2), Darby, Kitchy Conversions, Rutedge (2) Permity goal: Rutedge, Lychemy: Tryl hithy Plansity goals: Most: (4)
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Unbeaten Newbury carry all before them

Newbury High Wycombe10 BY MICHAEL AYLWIN

NEWBURY boast the only 100 per cent record in the national divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship and average 40 points a game; both of these standards were comfortably maintained vesterday.

The jewel in Newbury's crown is undoubtedly Brian Johnson, the right wing, who has forced his way into the England A set-up. His sparkling three tries in the first eight minutes more than hint-eight minutes more than hint-ed at his glowing talents. Unfortunately, he was forced to leave the field a few minutes later, when he was injured in a tackle.Tom Holloway, on the left wing, was also forced to retire lowards the end of the first

half, having just claimed a try

spired to attack Wycombe at close quarters and Craig Davies, the No8, and John McCartney, the blind-side, claimed tries late in the sec-

Newbury's line was rarely threatened, although Simon Shaw set up Derek Livermore, who scored after a quickly-taken penalty just before half-time.

Nick Grecian, the full back, converted all seven tries and has now been successful with each of his past 20 kicks.

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O'Mahony supplies * the finishing touch

Moseley

BY A CORRESPONDENT

FOR five of the Moseley side, vesterday was a day to savour. The only survivors from the earlier league meeting in September, which they won 34-22. victory over Nottingham at Beeston marked a rare double - even if it only improved their position marginally to third from bottom in the Courage Clubs Championship

second division. It was Darragh O'Mahony. one of ten signings since the first match, however, who really made the difference this time, the Irish wing's three spectacular tries exposing the weakness of Nottingham's de-

fence under pressure. Having conceded an average of 44 points per home league match this season, Nottingham could draw slight satisfaction from halving that figure. In Wilcox; they had an - outstanding debutant at No 8, while Bygrave proved a splen---

O'Mahony beat two defenders to score in the corner after Le Bas, the Moseley stand-off half, had broken through with Johal in support, but Bygrave brought Nottingham back on terms ending a multi-passing move that he had started.

A superb reverse pass by Le-Bas cleared the way for O'Mahony's second try - he: raced over from fully 35 metres - but it was individual ' wizardry that completed hisday, giving Moseley a de-

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Referee: D Marthews (Liverpool)

England finally break their shackles

Scotland BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH rugby flexed its mus-cles on Saturday and discovered that it quite enjoyed the sensation, Having strong-armed a way through an entire five nations' championship a year ago scoring only three tries, against Scotland at Twickenham they managed four in one match in the course of estabdishing a a national record for the

championship. Never before have they scored so many points against another home union (the score matched exactly their tally against France as long ago as 1907). Indeed, it is five years since they last registered four tries in a championship match, but that was not what Saturday was about. If England derive anything from their eighth successive victory over Scotland, it should be the confidence to express themselves far



better, even in the hubbub of Dublin, their next port of call. Nobody can possibly imagine that England have turned overnight into world-beaters, least of all the team management. For an hour they huffed and puffed, offering encouraging signs here and there but apparently lacking pace and all too frequently being let down by a lack of basic skills.

> stroyed Scotland utterly. As is so frequently the case for any other home union opposed to England, the task of holding their big forwards took a gradual toll, and Andy Gomarsall's try was the equivalent of a dam bursting. It better than the back row, where may not have been so much a case of England raising a gear but of Scotland dropping one; the spring in their stride faitered and suddenly England backs and forwards were running at them from all angles, finding space that had not

Then, as if a door had suddenly

been flung open on some exoric

new paradise, five minutes de-

previously existed. The query posed before the Save and Prosper international over Scrilland's fitness reverberated even louder as England, in a more measured way, enjoyed a purple patch of three tries similar to the one that Wales did at Murrayfield



Gomarsall, the England scrum half, cannot contain his delight after scoring the first of their three late tries at Twickenham. Photograph: Marc Aspland

a formight earlier. However, England's depended far more on team skills than individual brilliance, and they will value Richie Dixon's tribute far more. "These were well-structured tries," Dixon, the Scotland coach said.

Some of England's early errorstrewn passages can be forgiven. Gomarsall was playing with a No 8 and stand-off half new to him and the back row was finding its feet as a unit, likewise the back three. Of those three vital areas, none did Richard Hill enjoyed a conspicuously successful debut.

Too much ball still ends on the ground, however, which is possibly why Paddy O'Brien, the New Zealand referee, allowed so little development of what, in England, passes for a ruck. Second-phase possession was frequently stillborn simply because O'Brien could not see the ball and bodies were flinging themselves in regardless. In the southern hemisphere, sides are content to leave the scrum half

too many forwards seek to get hands on the ball and take it on that extra yard, which gives defunders time to reorganise.

Even so, Gomarsall received the ball on 62 occasions, nearly twice the amount of possession that went Bryan Redpath's way. That is a telling statistic - of Scottish errors in possession, of ball turned over and of England's ability to recycle ball that should have led to an even greater scoring glut.

The potential existed in the first

half, but a one-paced midfield could not make the most of it and the Scotland defence tackled its heart out, nobody to greater effect than Tony Stanger. England's ball-carriers too frequently found them-

Scotland's approach was wellconceived, but not well-executed. They tried to take the ball to parts of the field where the England forwards were not avoiding lineouts unless they could guarantee the throw, holding their ground at set scrums even if it meant putting the front row on the floor.

However, David Johnston, the backs coach, said: "We had a lack of shape and control. I was disappointed with Gregor's [Townsend] performance in that regard, he didn't mix it up as much as he could have."

That will be bleak news for the British Isles selectors, though they

Will Carling, the former England captain, has confirmed that he will not be available for the British Isles tour to South Africa this summer. "I really don't think I could do myself justice," Carling, 31, said. "I genuinely need to rest my body."

would hope to give Townsend, their potential stand-off half in South Africa, a better platform. Once, he opened up the defence as Scotland ran into the southerly wind, but it was poor defending that allowed Logan to create the position from which Redpath sent Eriksson scurrying down the blind side for the At that stage England led only 10-7. Scotland having been denied a try when Wainwright stretched out an arm to touch down from a maul only for Colin Hawke, the touch judge, to rule that he grounded the ball short. England were more fortunate. The refusal of the Scotland defence to retreat far enough led O'Brien to award a penalty try for persistent infringement when every other indication suggested that England could not unpick the Scotland midfield at that stage.

The exchange of penalty goals between Grayson and Shepherd, who must have been relieved not to have been tested under the high hall as he was against Wales, gave England a 16-10 interval advantage. Scotland closed to 16-13 and England will not have enjoyed twice being penalised ten metres for dissent, but Grayson put daylight between the teams again before Johnson lunged from a maul and gave Gomarsall his try.

That was the sign for England to break free from what Jack Rowell,

chological bondage". A tapped penalty and a long pass from Rodber gave Carling his first try against Scotland, and nobody, on the day, deserved one more. Excellent work by Regan and Shaw paved the way for de Gianville to blast through close to a ruck and score the fourth try, and England still had the resilience not to allow Stanger a clear run and some consolation for his bedraggled

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can be no coincidence that such

exposure can wreck the emotional

equilibrium of any but the most

rational and adjusted of contes-

headlines of "New heights",

"Records", "Feast". Another kick

referee's changed

split-second decision,

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here, another try there, or a

England awoke yesterday to

Carling enjoys playing for fun

Rob Andrew detects a sense of freedom in the

former captain's display

B efore England selected their team for the game against Scotland, I made the mistake of wondering aloud on television whether now was the time to omit Will Carling. I should have known better, as a short while later I had an angry Will on the telephone. He was joking, but his rugby is far from a joke.

His display on Saturday was one of the finest I have seen him give. Carling is free from the burdens of captaincy, the fear of being dropped has disappeared — he honestly did not expect to be selected after Phil de Glanville was made cantain - and in this mood. of now playing purely for enjoy-ment, he is producing some of his best rugby. Scotland could not pin him down and his try was a joyful

It appears that Carling is in a comfort zone. He has been through the grinder, all the machinations of the captaincy are behind him, and every game is like his last one, simply to be enjoyed. The best centre combination would still be Carling and Jeremy Guscott, but Jack Rowell has de Glanville as his captain in the centre and he is right to stick by his decision.

How can you criticise England's highest five nations' score? A great comfort must be that they scored 41 points and yet there is still room for improvement. The danger of all the talk of expansive rugby from the first minute is that you build up a game of rugby. Defences have to be worn down and England achieved this. You never heard criticism of the great Wales sides of the Seventies, when they would grind the opposition down for an hour and blitz them in the last 20

Yet there were problems, Midway through the second half, you could see the tension getting to England, Then, vitally, Rowen Shepherd missed a penalty to make it 19-16 and any confidence drained from Scotland. It would be wrong to concentrate everything on those wonderful ten minutes at the end, but they were ten minutes of rugby any side in the world would have been proud to produce. Everything clicked.

andy Gomarsall at scrum half and the back-row combination is not quite right, but this is the team that Jack has built and will probably stick with for the Ireland naich.

There was only one moment in the game when Gregor Townsend did not feel Richard Hill breathing down his neck. At last, England have an open-side flanker with pace, height and power. Scotland were playing catch-up rugby virtually from the start. Townsend had little clean ball to work with, but there were occasions when he put his side under greater pressure by

taking the wrong option. The five nations' appears designed to shock Ireland winning in Wales is one of those biennial oddities. Perhaps they should take up permanent residence in Cardiff. Not that Dublin will be easy for England, who will have noted Wales's fallibility after one good performance. Ireland have a strong pack and will approach the match on Saturday week with a

spring in their step.

The first two rounds of the championship have produced some great contests. Six months into the professional era proper we are beginning to see the differ-ences, both physically and mental-ly. I doubt whether we will have caught up with the southern hemisphere countries by the 1999 World Cup, but we have started out on the long road and the right qualities are showing through on the pitch. The power and pace of some England individuals on Saturday were directly attributable to professionalism.

only Scotland try. Rowell revolution requires more rational appraisal

ack Rowell 41 points, critics nil.
It is premature to suggest that England are sitting in clover after their rout of Scotland on Saturday, for there are reservations about their victory, yet it was a magnificent statement of intent, a triumph of willpower, and Rowell, the coach, could afford the wry

smile of one who has suddenly seen his litmus paper turn from

Seldom has a match demonstrated how fine is the margin that separates perceived success:

from failure, more especially when a team is playing barely once a month and with little training. Rolls and Royce did not build their machine in a garden shed, but, by the end of an ultimately thrilling afternoon at Twickenham, weary Scotland must have felt as though hey had been run over by a 200.

It is important, therefore, to try to

be more rational than that disagreeable breed of supporter that flourishes widely at Twickenham: socially self-assured and noisily ribald in abuse of England for the first hour, then haughtily cocksure by the finish. When, with England winning 19-13 in the liftieth minute, Shepherd took his Emburey-like

round-the-wicket run-up for a penalty and missed, it was 'For so long it still anybody's game in what had been, was so near until then, a darts duel: "Paul Gray-son, and yet so far' one-hun-dred-andaay-ty!"

Sure, England dominated the play territorially, had recycled eff-ectively in the rucks and mauls. Carling, in particular, Grayson and Gomarsall had made minibreaks that promised more than they achieved, yet it seemed that England did not have the right-fitting spainers for the bolts that they were trying to tighten. So near,

David Miller says the scale of triumph erases the fine line between success and failure

Indeed, had there been a 14-point reversal in the first quarter of an hour, with Wainwright's touchdown allowed and no questionable penalty try for England, the picture might have had a different hue, even if Rowell would insist later: "I don't think it would have dented

What existed for an hour was a clearly superior team failing to overwhelm a lesser but determined side that often ran the ball menacingly at England's defence and retained the chance of turning the game with boot or hand.

Rowell had talked of the dyslexia that England suffered against Argentina and the psychological blockage caused by criticism seem-ingly bent on disorientating the squad. The turning point came not so much in five minutes that produced three tries, starting with

Gomarsall's in the 67th minute, but

the five minutes of enlightenment just preceding the hour. It began with a run by Carling on the left, a driving, head-high surge reminiscent of a younger Carling, feinting past two opponents and then grub-kicking for touch near

the-corner flag. Suddenly, the stadium stirred with a deep, approving growl as the Rowell revolution visibly began to take root. Moments later, Rodber won the

ball in a maul and Grayson's attempted dropped goal went just wide. Then Sleightholme broke on the right, and England gained the penalty from which Grayson stretched the lead to 22-13. The grinding but unfulfilled intelligence of the first-half tactics was beginning to reap its reward as Scotland started to falter. Wainwright would later admit that his side had to question the extent of its

Now England were poised for the

kill, and again the inspiration flowed from Carling. Before half-time there had been debate on whether the discarded Guscott would have punched

through the momentary gaps, whereas Carling, preferred as de Glanville's part-ner, had twice been brought down in pos-Now, though, in the space

of ten minutes, Carling was busy rewriting English rugby history.

I am left reflecting upon the absurdity of the clamour of modern sport and media hyperbole. In no other field of life — in engineering,

advertising, medicine, high street

retailing, architecture - do multi-

million-pound projects rest upon

such minimal preparation and

such mountainous expectation. It

'Gloom was just a kick

been gloom and doom instead, and "Rowell must go". By mere threads do rep-utations hang. Wisely or a try away did de Glanville say:

"We won't get carried away. We'll take it with a pinch of salt." Rowell said that England had rubbed off the cobwebs that had "left a bad taste" after the Argentina match. It must be said that some of the bad taste came from inappropriate criticism from former coaches who must now quietly reassess their view of the objectives of the man in charge.

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Derby pay dearly for reckless lunge by Powell

Derby County..

BY ROB HUGHES

FOOTBALL CONLESSONDENT DERBY County's condemned

Baseball Ground is a relic, an antiquity of British football, a place where one shudders at the danger of wooden and cramped stands. Yet it spells the warmth of the past. In that warmth, an afternoon of football can bring a community together, arouse communal spirit to fever pitch.

It did so on Saturday when the two outstanding elements of Derby County's defeat by Liverpool were very mixed blessings, Liverpool, who won through a marvellously opportunistic goal from Stan Collymore, scratched away at the game until they retrieved self-esteem after suffering such a dramatic FA Cup defeat at Chelsea. Derby, due to move to a new ground after this summer, sank another step towards the relegation mires, and did so because of an horrendous foul from Darryl Powell which, quite properly, reduced them to ten men for most of the second

When Powell ran ten yards towards the Norwegian Bjorn Kvarme, there was no credible excuse for his boot being raised so high that the studs clattered into the shin of the Liverpool player. Peter Jones. the referee from the Leicestershire village of Ouorn, walked to the scene, established first of all the extent of the injury, and then did his duty in showing the red card to

Of course, it changed the game. Though both managers admitted we were not witnesses to many moments of high quality, only effort and denial. they had very different interpretations of Powell's action. Smith, normally the most honest and reliable of managers, gave himself half an hour to ruminate and then attempted to defend the indefensible.

He admitted Powell's tackle was foul. He admitted the boot

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relegated,

expect to

GASCOIGNE AT 40?

and I don't know if you could trust him

"I can't see him being a manager,

in the media

Bobby Robson on Gazza

railed: "To get a sending off, there has to be intent. I don't think the referee even saw it. In Italy they have full-time. referees, accountable to a commission. Here, they are not accountable to anybody. With the amount of money swilling about in the game, we've got amateurs running around in

Even then, Smith compounded his outburst by stating that he thought Kvarme, in his third game for Liverpool, had "taken a dive".

Oh, dear, A manager under pressure, betrayed by the utter speaking so much unfounded claptrap. Can we wonder the Derby crowd - so imposingly close to the touchlines - spent the rest of the afternoon chanting: "cheat! cheat!" As a precaution, the referee

had a police escort from the

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field, and without reason or cause a man who, to my eye, had as good a game as any official all season, drove to his home as a vilified human

If Jones erred at all - and he showed yellow cards to Trollope and Van Der Laan, to Bjornebye and McManaman for fouls - it may have been in giving Asanovic the benefit of the doubt when his forearm collided with the face of McAteer.

There were so many scruffy points of contact between two teams who aspire to playing cotball in the proper manner. Why should this be? The stadium at is intimidating. Liverpool were groping for form, for unity, for the freedom to express passing skills on a bare and bumpy pitch. And Derby are becoming prematurely desperate, their injuundermining the team-building on a relative shoestring by

the canny Smith. Those are the excuses. The fact remains that Saturday's

ured sporting contest. The heart of it was spelt out by Smith before the game. "What Chelsea did a week ago," he said, "shows that if you really allow them to play, then you stand a chance." Get among them is a euphemism for upping the tempo to the point ferocity, for "putting the foot in for motivating players until one of them, in this case Darryl Powell, oversteps the

Liverpool, too, have been factious. McManaman and the two guiding Barnes, forces, had argued animatedly, yet their understanding was the fulcrum of Derby?

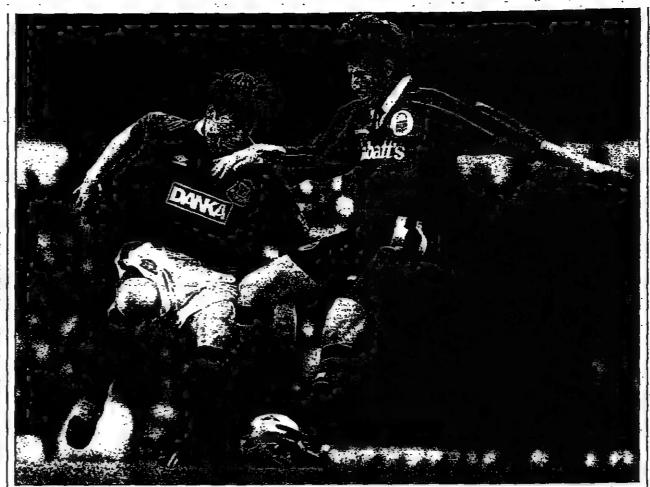
As the home team retreated into massed defence, the perceptive forward passes of Barnes, the fine anticipation of McManaman, began to sugest the inevitable. And when in the 74th minute, Derby's defence was breached, it was indeed McManaman who laced together the move.

Three times he was on the hall, three times he passed and, finally, though Fowler's attempted pass was mistimed. "Initially, I was going to hit it with my right foot," Collymore said afterwards. "But it came through a bit too quickly, so I checked back onto my left, and just hit

The man was uncharacteristically modest. His first touch with the right foot dragged the ball elegantly back, his second with the left foot curled it low into the inviting space between goalkeeper Hoult and the far post. A fine finish that surpassed the goalscorer's words.

If only others had understated rather than inflamed the

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — B Kverme (sub: M Thomas, 73), M Whoth F Babb — J McAsser, J Redinapp, J Barres, 31 Bornstoy — S McManamum — R Fowler, S Collymore.



Barmby tries to escape the attentions of Cooper, the Nottingham Forest defender. Photograph: Steve Morton/Allsport

Phelan escapes the worst of times

Nottingham Forest ...

BY OLIVER HOLT

iondison Road an hour be fore kick-off, but the group of men in the middle of the room were oblivious to the drinkers pushing past them on their way to and from the bar. Lovingly, they were selecting an Everton team for their time, a Select XI that would grace a club that had just lost straight Premiership

Dai Davies was in goal Glenn Keeley, who was sent off on his Everton debut against Liverpool, was the pillar of defence. At left midfield there was Ian Wilson, one of Colin Harvey's follies, and at the fulcrum of the team they picked Geoff Nulty, once Gordon Lee's pride and joy. two cult figures, Rod Belfitt and Bernie Wright.

It was the worst combination of former Everton players they could think of but none of the team that last lost half a dozen league games in successon made it into the line-up Most of the players from Joe Rovie's present team, a team that had slipped from contention for a place in Europe before Christmas to the fringe

caped selection, too. Only Terry Phelan, the left back who has not had the most auspicious of starts since his move from Chelsea, was making a serious case for himself, apparently. So when the start of the game with Nottingham Forest on Saturday drew near, the inhabitants of the Spellow spilt into the streets and wantered over to the ground to see if he could clinch his place. It is "if-youdidn't-laugh-you-would-cry" time at Goodison Park again.

On Friday, Royle intro-duced a blanket ban on national newspaper journalists at the club's Bellefield training ground because he had Even a comfortable and welldeserved win against a parlous Forest team appeared to do little to raise the spirits. Royle spent part of the game glaring up at the press box the 2-0 victory to say he was "too ethausted" to attend the post-match press conference. None of the Everton players would talk to the national press either.

"We printed a whole page of letters about the situation here earlier this week." Len Capeling, the sports editor of the Daily Post in Liverpool, said. "Out of 30, only about four were saying 'Royle must go'. Then, on Friday, we get the message that no one is going to be allowed to go to the training ground and all the Polithuro instead."

Royle's reaction seems particularly counter-productive given that Everton are obviously a better team than their recent run of results suggests. They were stronger in all departments than their visitors, who looked drained of passion and verve, and their win moved them back into the top half of the table.

Phelan played himself comprehensively out of the Worst XI with a vibrant attacking display down the left flank. and Thomsen and Speed controlled midfield, allowing Barmby, Ferguson and Stuart

though he had lifted the siege of Mafeking, set Everton on their way to their first Premiership points since December 21st by latching on to Stuart's flick, rounding Crossley and lashing a leftfoot shot into the empty net two minutes after half-lime.

Twenty minutes later, Ferguson rose to meet Uns worth's cross and when his header rebounded off the post, Barmby turned it into the roof of the net.

Back at the Spellow after the game, they were showing footage of Everton's Cup Winners' Cup semi-final victory over Bayern Munich in 1985 on the giant screen. The same group was back in the middle of the room united in the belief that Neville Southall would be a fixture in any Everton Best Select XI and in the corner a supporter was folding up a flag with two words written on it "Royle in. * it said.

EVERTON (4-3-1-2): P Gersen Paristron, C. Pricerous, a Speed — A Bermby — G. Stuert, D. Ferguson, ... NOTTINGHAM POREST (4-5-1). Crossiny — D. Lydie, C. Cooper, S. Criettie, S. Peerco — D. Pfilips, C. Bart-Willerst, A. Hasteind, I. Wosn, C. Allen (subt. P. McGregor, Strink) — K. Campbell.

Breen adds authority and poise in defence of Coventry

Sheffield Wednesday Coventry City ...

BY PETER BALL

TWO weeks ago Alex Fergu son suggested that Gordon Strachan might need to rely on Ron Atkinson's experience in 🌘 Coventry City's annual strug-gle against relegation. He may be right — but on Saturday the performances of Strachan's first two signings, Darren Huckerby and Gary Breen, suggest that Strachan has little to learn from his mentor

in the transfer market. Between them; Huckerby and Breen provided the highlights of a drab goalless draw, the second between the teams this season, but Strachan was satisfied - with West Ham-United, Nottingham Forest and Southampton all losing the point edged Coventry a further step towards safety.

There was less satisfaction for Sheffield Wednesday, Afterwards Strachan praised their technical skills and movement, but their tenth draw in 15 FA Carling Premiership games tells its own story. On Saturday, once Booth had wasted the best chance of the match after six minutes as Pembridge put him in, they never looked like scoring, for all their possession.

"We needed a goal," David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said in exculpation. "If it had come in the first half, it would have been a completely

different game."

They did not get it. Nor, with Hurst nowadays a blunt instrument and Humphreys unaccountably left on the bench, did they ever look likely to. Ogrizovic, usually Coventry's saviour, had only one shot to stop all afternoon.

Pressman was busier, as Huckerby twice forced him into sharp saves on explosive breaks before the interval. "It was difficult for us to concentrate against Huckerby's pace," Pleat said.

.Huckerby could catch pigeons, as they say in south Yorkshire, but pace is not his only quality. Had he been in a Wednesday shirt, the result might have been very different. He is ever eager to take defenders on, and to shoot. After the interval another attempt cannoned off Walker to leave McAllister with the goal gaping, but the Coventry captain dragged the second-best chance of the match wide, leaving Wednesday to search unavailingly for a way.

through.

They didn't find it, instead, long before the end, the maininterest was enjoying the Premiership debut of Strachan's : £2.5 million recruit from Birmingham City, Gary Breen, as the free man in the centre of Coventry's back

"You watch the Premiership on TV. and you wonder what it's going to be like," said Breen, an Ireland international as modest and articulate off the field as he is assured on it. "I've never played at this level before, so I was a bit anxious to see what it would be like. But I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Breen need not have worried. He took to the Premiership with the same assurance that he took to international football last year, bringing poise, composure and authority to the task - not qualities hitherto associated with the Coventry defence.

United find scraps on top table

Manchester United.... Southampton .

BY MARK HODKINSON

A BLACKBOARD, wheeled on from stage left, would have finished off the job perfectly. An after-match press conference from Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager. is like one of those Open University programmes in which they hypothesize on the obvious until confusion

At least Ferguson eschews the customary tank top and presents his tactical analyses in a smart club blazer. He also has a fine sense of humour to season the stoicism. "Jesus Christ, they were really ambitious," was his stirring tribute

to Southampton He spoke at great length of the on-field tactical manoeuvring, but the abridged version reads quite simply: that Southampton caught United on the back foot. They played two forwards when Ferguson expected one and Le Tissier and Berkovic were further upfield than expected. They had a go and had us worried for a bit, I have to say that," he said. "They had a lot of attacking options and were breaking off us. I was glad to

in hesitant mood before the interval. Poborsky continually dribbled himself to the corner flag. Beckham and Keane were so deep as to get under the feet of their own defenders. and several passes from Cantona sailed beyond their intended targets.

when a probing move on the right saw the ball threaded to Ostenstad. The Norwegian showed exquisite control and composure as he steered it beyond the stretching Schmeichel. Poborsky and Solskjaer brought fine saves from Taylor as United moved forward with menace. A corner fell to



Southampton found United into the goal. The equaliser was deserved, though the play was splintered and hectic.

Southampton took the lead ing range, which, for him, is a yard or two forward of the



had time to being the ball to his feet before poking it through a scrum of players

An onslaught was expected after the interval and it duly arrived as United repeatedly tore into a tiring Southamp ton. Giggs dropped his shoulders, set his feet dancing and skipped blithely to the byline at every opportunity. Can-tona's passes were now being read by his colleagues and Beckham moved within shoot-

halfway line. Taylor thwarted efforts by Beckham and Solskjaer, and Cantona headed wide when fed by Giggs. It was becoming manifest that, in all his plotting, Ferguson had forgotten to include a bone fide centre forward. Andy Cole replaced the disappointing Poborsky and was greeted like a long lost friend by the crowd. In truth, the welcome was coloured by desperation - Uni-

ted needed a saviour. After the thrilling approach play of earlier, it was ironic that the winning goal should be a scrappy, indistinct affair. Giggs sent a low ball across the area and it bounced being its way finally to Cantona at the far post, and he gleefully prodded it into the net.

Southampton, on their only real attacking move of the second half, almost equalised when Maddison headed goalwards and Clegg blocked on the line. Graeme Souness, the South-

ampton manager, was pleased that his team had restored some dignity after losing to Stockport County in the Coca-Cola Cup three days earlier. "It was important to me that we put on some sort of show today and we did that," he

The victory, wrung out as it was by bloody-mindedness and only tantalising glimpses of fluid team play, has consolidated United's position at the top of the FA Carling Premiership. There will be other days when the football is poetic from start to finish, when goals fall like Manchester rain, but until then, three points wrestled from a bit of a scrap will more than suffice. MANCHESTER UNITED (#-32-1): P Schsmidtel — M Clegg Javor R Johnste, Straig, G Noville, G Paulicer, D Invite — D Rechtsm. H Kesne, R Glogs — K Poborniy (auf. A Cole, Fig. E Cardons. — O'G Schilder

Schiquer
SCUTHAMPTON (4-4-2). M Taylor — A
Nollotti, K. Mozhou, R Drydan, S Charlon
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Waddle to accept Albion job

CHRIS WADDLE is expected to be named as the playermanager of West Bromwich Albion today, after meeting club officials to discuss terms last night. Waddle, 36, is under contract at Bradford City until the end of the season, but has never made a secret of his wish to move into management and was given permission to hold talks by Bradford. Albion wanted to move

ley, dismissed 12 days ago, and Tony Hale, the chairman, decided to look for a high profile choice to build on the momentum of the club's recent successful flotation on the Alternative Investments Market. He was rebuffed by Bruce Rioch, the assistant manager at Queens Park Rangers.

Paul Ince is confident of being fit to play in England's

quickly to replace Alan Buck-

World Cup qualifying tie against Italy next week despite suffering a thigh injury while training with Internazionale on Saturday. Paolo Maldini, the Italy captain, limped off during AC

Milan's defeat by Sampdoria

yesterday, but the extent of the

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Chelsea's hot streak proves cold comfort for Vialli

POOR Gerry Francis, Tottenham Hotspur's long-suffering manager, is becoming an increasingly Job-like figure. Not only was he unable to round up the usual suspects -Mabbutt, Armstrong, Vega, Sheringham, Scales — but also Chelsea went ahead in a mere 50 seconds with a freak of a goal.

We obviously knew we'd have our work cut out today, in terms of the side we were able to put out." Francis said. "If you go behind in 50 seconds, I think that's the biggest disappointment. They get in front, they can sit

back and get you on the break." It all began with Gianfranco Zola's free kick, nicely situated for him just outside the penalty box. Usually he would strike for goal with one of those marvellous, swerving shots. Not this time. Instead, he swung the ball to the left, confusing Nethercott, enabling Newton to get in a header. Hughes closed in. Walker blocked the ball with his legs, only for it to bounce off his own defender. Campbell, and into the net.

"All your plans go straight out of the window when you go one down in 50 seconds," Francis said, but in truth, his plans seemed debatable. Three at the back, one of whom, Austin, was assigned to follow Zola, but no Ruei Fox till far too late in the game, even if, then. Fox was involved in Tottenham's late goal. A neat pass to Anderton, a cross from him, and a fine header by Howells.

Consistency may not be Fox's middle name-but with Chelsea, as Francis said, able to pick and choose their moments after that traumarising goal, he might have done damage had he been used earlier, as he did against Blackburn for some 20 minutes, the previous Wednesday.

Anderson's case is different. When he arrived as a substitute, he looked a great deal sharper -- not to say more aggressive - than he had on Wednesday, but as Francis said, he is not yet fit enough to last the 90 minutes. Gianluca Vialli did not get on at all, despite his two goals last weekend against Liverpool. There is now.

Brian Glanville says

sidelined Italian may become a cause célèbre

unquestionably, un Caso Vialli, a Vialli Case, though his manager. Ruud Gullit, spoke about it somewhat obscurely. "We have to stop all the time asking some questions. 1 have only two strikers, I can only play two," he insisted, even though three played against Liverpool.

Reminded that he had said the tactical choice had been left to his players, he told us that he had tried different tactics but "you could see how they play, they scream at each other, they were not comfortable. Then you come to the system that they play for a couple of weeks, and they are comfortable". Which will

hardly comfort Vialli. Most of the first half, after that goal, was a desert of mediocrity, but he game took wing seven minutes

after half-time, with Roberto di Matteo's spectacular 25-yard goal. In the first half, he had sent a shot with his weaker left foot high and wide. Now, advancing on a retreating Tottenham defence, he tacked across from the right, to strike a thundering left-footer wide of Walker.

Twelve minutes later Zola perfectly put Hughes through, but Walker bravely blocked. Zola had the chance to put Tottenham out of their misery when Wise and Hughes set him up, but his technique deserted him. Gullit's remark, I think that is also the great thing about football; if nobody makes mistakes, it would be an annoying game," seemed relevant and, as Disraeli said somewhat before, Gullit, "the defects of great

men are the consolation of dunces." Nine minutes later Tottenham could well have drawn level. Andy Sinton shot superbly from the left, but, as the ball flew towards the far, corner, Hitchcock soared to make a remarkable save. It was a different Tottenham now: suddenly Chelsea

were on the ropes. All very well for Gullit to say: "I think it makes no sense to talk about the last ten minutes, we won well." Goals, after all, are goals, and he would hardly have wished to forget the first 50 seconds, even if Francis might

Howells headed in a minute after Sinton's shot and from that moment, the siege of Chelsea's goal was on: even if Tottenham's lack of a midfield creator remains embarrassingly plain. "I thought we could have got an equaliser," Francis said, and I

thought we were a bit unlucky." No, they were not unlucky. Chelses had done more than enough to win, had dominated most of the second. half, and are now off for a sunny week in Cyprus. With or without

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FOOTBALL: BRAZILIAN TAKES CONTROL AS WIMBLEDON START TO PAY PRICE FOR SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Juninho excels in battle of opposites

Middlesbrough.....

BY SIMON BARNES

AND in the end, of course, it was impossible to tell which were the pigs and which the men. This comes, of course, at the end of Animal Farm, and it signifies the end of the dream about the perfect

And Bryan Robson, the dreamer of Middlesbrough, eemed to have cast himself as Napoleon, the chief pig at the end of this gritty little vignette of footballing life. "We com-peted," he said, "really well." So much for perfection, so much for the dreamer of

dreams, so much for the jogo bonito. The man who brought the cream of Brazil's footballing culture to Middlesbrough and then raided Italy and Serie A as a bomus, was reduced to competing really

One of these bits of Brazilian dream-fodder is Emerson, or Emma as Robson calls him. Much of the match revolved around his chest-to-chest battle with the Wimbledon loveobject, Jones. They are both men with a relish for physical contact. The match never caught light as a spectacle because Emma would not let

Well, it is as tenable a hypothesis as any, and Jones's long throws are as likely to bring a goal as any of Emerson's forward charges. Essentially, this was a scrap, and you couldn't really tell the difference between the scrappers. Wimbledon carried on where they had left off, batthing and doing well against clubs that have luxuries like a bank balance and a football ground to call their own and hordes of long-pocketed fans to fill it up with.

This was, in a sense, the ultimate football match of the season. Middlesbrough repre-sent money and dreams. They are slaves to the ephemera of fashion, and enthral to the concept of football as the new rock and roll. Wimbledon are. of necessity, content with different values

It would be nice to call Wimbledon's style of football the new heavy metal, but their myth of simple-minded bru-tality has been all but exploded by their success this season. The fact behind this splendidantithetical pairing is that Wimbledon are consistently more than the sum of their parts, Middlesbrough, since Robson was allowed to give his wild dreams expression, are speciacularly and embarrassingly less.

Saturday showed that things are beginning to look a little different for Middlesbrough. Perhaps the best thing they had going for them was the absence of their top scorer, Ravanelli. He can play all right, but he spends all his time on the football field blaming somebody else for his misfortunes.

He was serving a suspen-sion on Saturday for blaming a linesman. It seemed that, without his constant crucifixion gestures, normally made to everyone within sight who fails to be Italian, there was a more purposeful, more assured team on view.

It did not emerge until haiftime, though. Wimbledon ran the show early on, Gayle creating mayhem wherever he went. It was his cross that set up the goal, Cox turning it in for an own goal that seemed to sum up Middlesbrough's miserable season.

Victims of our own soccess," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. With good performances and replays in both cup competitions, his team are playing an awful lot of football - six matches in 15 days, with the third part of their Manchester United trilogy tomorrow.

So, they tired in the second half and, when you are tiring and holding a one-goal lead,



Juninho, Middlesbrough's second-half inspiration, struggles to evade Cunningham. Photograph: Ady Kerry

the one thing you do not need is a manic little Brazilian with fast feet, a cobra's mind and a

serious appetite for the fray.
Juninho is no pansified exquisite. In fact, he seems to like this relegation struggle. It is certainly not beneath his dignity. He tore into weary Wimbledon and, unusually. they bent and buckled.

Blackburn Rovers ...

BY DAVID MADDOCK

endless series of recovery tacking in, playing his one-twos off Beck. Middlesbrough rained balls into the box, and one popped back out, apparently from Earle's hand. Emma

took it, and hit it quite well. but Sullivan read it perfectly. normal circumstances, Wimbledon would Juninho's energy and skill

playing from memory. Juninho played yet another one-two off Beck and flicked a cross into the six-yard box. It might have gone in anyway, but Mustoe finished up.

The dreamers have been forced to face footballing reality, but Juninho was happy to go slumming for a point. This is the best possible news for place in Europe seems to be

WANDLEDON (S-1-4-2). N Subver — Siscisel C Perry, D Jupp — K Curreng's — A Kimble, V Jones, R Earle, N Ard fosts, P Feer, Girnin) — E Debu (sub-Hokkoworth, 58). M Geyle (sub: Goodman, 85). M Geyle (sub: Goodman, 85). M Google (sub: Goodman, 85). M Cox, C Remeng — Stamp, Emerican, R Muston, A Morse — Beol, Jumn'n.

over, but they continue to add to the gaiety of the season, as your rock and roll.

Result at Derby proves point about backbone

am conscious of the fact that columns such as this one can easily degenerate into a series of long moans, blaming easy targets such as the media. We got plenty of stick after our FA Cup defear at Chelsea, and most of it was justified, so can I state now. this is not simply a moan.

I felt, though, that the criti-

cism of Liverpool as having no

backbone -- lacking the bottle

to win the title this season was taking it too far. That is why I am so pleased that we won a very tricky match at Derby on Saturday, because it allowed us to prove a point.

Sure we played badly at Chelsea. But it was one game, half a game in fact, where we played badly, and yet people were saying we were finished. They lumped together our FA Cup defeat, the Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Middlesbrough, the fact that our reserves are bottom of their division and even that the youth team are out of their cup as evidence of

That is why it was so important to win at Derby. Critics have such short memories; you are as good as your game is a good win, not an

embarrassing deleat. It wasn't a great performance, but that isn't the point. At this stage of the season you have to string together results, get wins even when the team is not playing well. That is exactly what Manchester United did last season and the team that does it this time around will win the champ-

We believe at Liverpool that we are capable of doing it. That is why I am so pleased we proved a point at Derby, because I simply don't accept the suggestion that we are not good enough. Of course we are good enough, the first half against Chelsea proved that. The second was a disgrace, but it is not an enduring problem and, anyway, Chelsea played brilliantly.

We were resilient at Derby on a very poor pitch, in a stadium that is compact and intimidating. We knew we had to win because we all believed Manchester United would beat Southampton, and we didn't want to go into what will be a two-week break trailing by a big points gap.

The Premiership seems to have settled down over Christmas and now the too three have opened up just a hint of a gap. There are others believe still have a chance because there are so many matches in which it is easy enough to drop points, virtual-

ly every one. But if one of the top three teams string together a run they are capable of, then the others won't catch them. That I believe — is what will

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happen and our priority is to Manchester United are the obvious danger, because they have been there before. Yet it is no guarantee of future success. So much is made of experience, the ability to cope with pressure, but again, I think it can be overstressed. You get two sides locked in a title race. and the one that comes second

has "cracked under pressure". That is what they said about Newcastle last season, but I'm not so sure. They lost plenty of games late in the season, but they had injuries, they came up against good teams, like us. on form. Their performance at Anfield when we managed that exciting 4-3 victory did not

lack bottle. What I think intensifies is not necessarily the pressure, but the focus on teams. Lose a game early in the season and there are plenty of opportunities to make up for it. Lose one late on, and that could be that. Of course that can make players anxious, inhibit them because they are aware of what is at stake, but that is what football is all about.

nited have been there and done it, but our Liverpool team has plenty of players who have played in the pressure matches. John Barnes and Mark Wright have played in the World Cup finals, Michael Thomas has won the champ-ionship for his team with the

last kick of the game. There are a few of us who were involved in the European championships, and even the younger players like Robbie Fowler have experience. He has already got 100 goals for Liverpool — and I think that is enough experience for any-

What we have to show now is a little more consistency, a little more resilience. Our fans have not been happy over the last week. They were gutted by our performance at Chelsea, but so were we. We really wanted to get to Wembley because we did not do ourselves justice in the FA Cup Final last year. Now, we are determined to prove ourselves in the league instead.

Serbian enigma comes up trumps

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BY RICHARD HOMON

THE cry of "Savo, Savo" rings out every weekend from grounds in the West Midlands. At all bar one it is a term of mockery that greets poor finishing, often a speculative attempt on goal that drifts slowly wide. Thus has Savo Milosevic invaded the

football psyche. Even at Villa Park, where the chant holds more friendly significance, supporters still wonder whether he is suffciently effective a partner for Dwight Yorke. Those are the ones with broad minds, for some still curse the day last

The State of Play Schools Sport

November when Milosevic's planned move to Perugia

They have seen too many moments of individual brilliance to think that a single goal represents a turning point. If the supporters were celebrating on Saturday night it was because Aston Villa had secured their first FA Carling Premiership win of the year rather than the fact that the decisive goal, after 36 minutes, came from Milosevic.

He controlled a goal kick from Mark Bosnich and made a swift turn that immediately pointed him towards the Sunderland defenders who, perhaps in consideration of his reputation, backed away inviting the shot. Once within range, Milosevic placed his effort, with the side of his left foot, to the right of Lionel Perez and the fact that the ball was deflected along the way did little to diminish the goal's

Afterwards, Brian Little, the Villa manager, said that has made a bigger effort to integrate with his team-mates since the Perugia experience, even joining that inner sanc-tum of footballers, the card school. Yet Little knows that further improvement is due.

"It took Dwight six years to adapt and become the player he is but Savo does not have that long," Little said. "I need two players who can score regularly and he needs to be more ruthless in front of goal. On the training ground he is exceptional, so I know we have a very good player, but until he scores more often there will

always be a question mark." Twice in the first half Milosevic pushed intelligent return balls into the path of Yorke that might have resulted in further goals. Sunderland, sturdy and res-

olute but bereft of craft up front, missed a chance to take the lead in the sixteenth minute when Jan Eriksson, making his debut, headed wide from a corner while Bosnich reacted sharply to up a volley from John Mullin over the bar in the second half. Little believes that his firstchoice midfield of Mark Draper, Andy Townsend and Ian Taylor, all missing here, will be fit when Villa next see action. Whether Sasa Curcic retains his place against such competition is unclear, but at least one Serb will definitely

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West Ham United...

GIVEN Harry Redknapp's penchant for the exotic, it is United's best chance of survival in the FA Carling Premiership rests with a man called Río. He is not, though, yet another foreign mercenary, but an 18-year-old from southeast London.

Rio Ferdinand was so named "because my mum and dad wanted me to stand out; they didn't want me to be just another dull bloke", and he has fulfilled their ambitions already. He stood out at Ewood Park, a hill-top beacon

West Ham were hopeless until they gave Ferdinand his head. After that, they werried a Blackburn Rovers side that had the game won into almost

retuinand scored an excellen goal after 64 minutes with a dean strike after Newell's shot was blocked. More than that, his vision and running, his freshness, transformed West Ham from the relegation certainties who sucrendered tamely in the first half, into a competent, quick-breaking outfit that so nearly secured the point their second-half

display deserved. No wonder then, that Redknapp, the West Ham manager, believes Ferdinand

future. "I have never been so certain about a player in all my career," he said. "He is a monster, and in a year's time

Defiant Redknapp full of Rio bravo

he will be a real player. throwing it away.

Sent on after the break, top and with kids like him around we have got a chance. because we have got a few like him. The problem is, it is next year when they will come through, and we need to survive this year. We will though - I am certain we are going to turn it around."

Such confidence, however, is perhaps misplaced on the whole evidence of this game. Rovers strolled to a two-goal interval lead, and according to Slaven Bilic, the West Ham defender, it could have been many more. That it was not

was largely down to the excel-lence of Bilic, and an obvious feeling among the Rovers players that the job was done by half-time. Gallacher scored from 25 yards on 36 minutes and, three minutes later, Sutton finished well after Sherłodo took a owick free kick.

Rovers will survive this season for sure, even given their alarming second-half negligence. As for West Ham. that is not so certain, unless their Rio angel smiles benignly down on them.

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Graham drives home a point

recreate the Highbury mon-ster, and the statistics prove

that he is succeeding. With

Arsenal, minus the suspended

Leeds United Arsenal ...

By KETTH PURS

THE team that he built gave a performance that had him misty-eyed with admirations committed, obdurate, unbroken. The team that he now manages did not displease him, either, three times coming within a linesman's flag of victory. If there was a happier man on Saturday than George Graham, he probably would have been arrested for driving home the point with

That few of the 35,000 souls who trooped silently away from Elland Road seemed to share his enthusiasm did not appear to concern him. Then again, unlike Graham, none of them plan to have "Nil-nil and proud of it" engraved on their headstone. Graham makes no secret of

Bergkamp and with Wright appearing only for the last 17 minutes, also reverting to norisk football, only connoisseurs of tackling tantrums and tight marking would have found anything to en-Enter Graham. "Terrific a lot closer than last time," he

said. He had, he admitted. been "a wee bit humiliated when, within five minutes of his return to Highbury with Leeds on October 26. his new charges had been 2-0 down and on their way to an FA Carling Premiership thrash-ing. A sequence of 11 clean sheets in 16 matches since suggests that it was not an

caperience he cared to repeat.
They won at a canter then, but this time we had a go," Graham said, bridling at the suggestion that, had either side been prepared to commit

players forward from the mid-field combat zone, the match could have emerged from its stalemate; might even have been won. Unthinkable, obviously. "Do you want us to go all continental and pass the ball to death without commitment?" Graham countered. "I have seen some boring games

The teams meet again tomorrow in the FA Cup at Highbury, when Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, hopes a better surface the Elland Road pudding was "the worst pitch I have seen in England - will produce a more acceptable, technically proficient, game. It is proba-bly wishful thinking Graham has that gleam in his eye again as he goes in search of "defensive perfection".

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Oxford United .. Manchester City4

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SLOWLY, but surely, Frank Clark is dragging Manchester City out of the Nationwide League first division mire. At

the Manor Ground yesterday. City stretched their unbeaten sequence since Clark's arrival as managerto five matches. They moved up to twentieth place, three points clear of the relegation pit, and appear to be settling into a consistent.

confident groove. Integral in City's best displays over the past two seasons, not that there have been task is to get away from the

Georgiou Kinkladze, the he-witching Georgian. When he has flitted intermittently in midfield, eventually disappearing from view, City's options inevitably recede, too. Yet, when thrust further forward, as he has been by Clark, and at his most clusive, turn-

ing and twisting opponents in circles. City thrive. They thrived against an earnest yet creatively dull Oxford United. Clark did his best to put the dampeners on his first league victory since swapping the City Ground, Nottingham, for Maine Road. "It was a reasonable display," he said. "It was just what we needed. The first

City do have some way to go before even thinking of

reclaiming a place in the FA Carling Premiership. Clark has been in charge for only 36 days - three more than Steve Coppell, one of the club's five

Photograph

managers this season — and

there is much work to be done. He knows it; the supporters Yet restoring self-belief is a prerequisite of any team-re-building and, in that depart-

ment, Clark at least appears to

as City strung together a series of slick passes, Oxford were made to look embarrassingly amateur. Kinkladie, playing in front of the midfield and behind Rösler, either initiated or concluded most of City's most penetrative moves. He swing over the corner for Gilchrist, the Oxford defender, to head into his own net in the 28th minute, and another of his corners led to Rösler

jabbing in City's fourth goal two minutes from time. In between, either side of the interval, he also scored twice, taking his tally for the season to ten. First, he set off on a typically darting run that end-ed with a delightfully guided

in the general, Kinkladz-inspired flow. Georgi is a world-class player and today showed what he can do," Clark said. "We gave him the ball in the right area and let him get on with it; and he did." COPORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Windowsout — L. Robbisson, P Gloriess, M Ford, S Marsh (stub: R Ford, S Marsh (stub: R Ford, Sarnin). — J Beauchamp, M Gary (stub: M Mayphy, 69). D Smith, M Argel (sub: P Moedy, 69). — M Gabbadrii, N Jemson.

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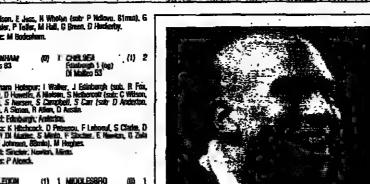
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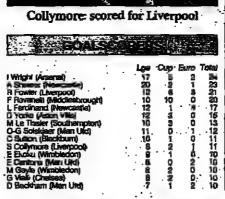
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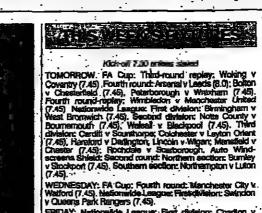
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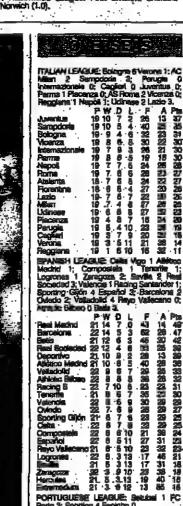
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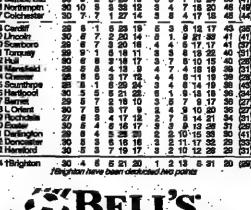
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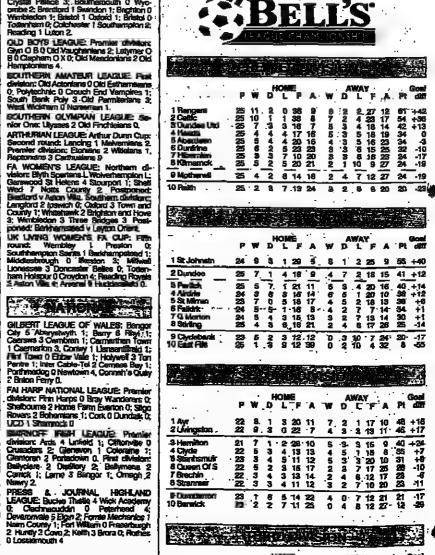
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The ills afflicting football's national health

S ix factors interlock in establishing the health and success of football. or lack of it, in a traditionally powerful country: talent and technique; tactics and style; fatigue from excessive domestic competition; the intelligence of coaches at every level: the import of foreign players; and the evolving social and financial environment.

Since winning the World Cup in 1966. England have lost 14 of their 23 matches against the two most consistently successful European nations, Italy and (West) Germany. They have won only twice against each. In the ranking-list of Fifa, the game's world governing body. England stand twelfth. Brazil, the world champions, lead it, followed by Germany, the European champions, and France,

Admittedly, two semi-finals, in the World Cup in 1990 and Euro 96, were lost to Germany on penalties, but the balance of power, at national as opposed to club level, has undoubtedly shifted away from football's founders. There is little doubt, however, that Italy, never mind their six victories in nine encounters with England since 1966, will be as anxious about the match next week as were, say, Brazil when they met the defending World Cup holders in the opening round in Mexico in 1970. English vigour, whatever the fluctuating skills, remains the envy of all. Yet the situation could be so much better. What is now the state of the six factors in the game's fatherland?

Talent and technique

We are massively underachieving," Howard Wilkinson, the Football Association's new technical director, said. We do well considering the system, but we need to develop a coaching culture, within a holistic education, so that the eight-year-old who changes his mind at 12 does not come off the line a 'failed footballer'. in the hunt for talent, football must behave responsibly to-

wards youth. Managers are unanimous that spontaneous natural ability has declined, for many reasons. There's a lot less raw talent, being chased by all the clubs," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. As Bill [Shankly] used to say. If they can't play to start with, forget it'. You can't make a great player, but can improve good to compensate at the coaching level." Liverpool have the fi-

nance to support this attempt: Graeme Sourcess and Lou-Macari, the respective managers of struggling Southampton and promotion-chasing Stoke City, were contemporary players for Scotland in the Seventies. Without the resources of

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the big clubs, they experience the desperate challenge to stay alloat. "There's not the quality coming through," Souness said. "I learnt technique long before becoming a professional. There was nothing else to

Macari, one of those who all but rescued Scotland's chequered World Cup cam-paign in 1978, laments the poverty of skill. "When I was trying to get into that '78 squad," he said, "I reckoned there were 50 candidates outstanding players such as Rioch, Masson, Gemmill, Dalglish, Willy Johnston, Morgan, Carr. Hutchison,

'You can't make a great player but you can improve good players'

Sourcess. Nowadzys, if someone here at the Victoria Ground traps the ball first time, the crowd applauds and it's usually a foreigner!"

The most damning indict-ment comes from Egil Olsen, the Norway manager, who schemed England's elimination from the 1994 World Cup. "To go from the best club in Norway to one of the second best in England is now downwards, not an improvement, Oisen said.

Yet Arsene Wenger, at Arsenal, is more optimistic. "I'm quite surprised by the [technical] level of Liverpool, Newcastle, Aston Villa and others, and even the lower teams, such as Nottingham Forest. The difference I from the best Europeans) lies in the preparation of youth.

Tactics and style

Ever since the radical change in the offside law in 1925 — from three defenders between opponent and goal to two - factics have continually evolved. What has latterly changed most, however, is the defensive organisation of lesser teams and their advanced physical fitness, counteracting those which once dominated

by technique. "Look at the World Cup final video of 1970 between Brazil and Italy." Olsen said, "and you see it was almost a walking game leven allowing for the heat and altitude]. The game has advanced so much in speed and filmest it.

Evans agrees. The way we play has altered. The progress of the Scandinavians has been exceptional, relying on organ-isation, without flair, Teams come to Anticld to sit on the game, obliging us to open out. And we're handicapped in England by the way the public expect us to play [all-action], making it difficult to adjust to the European way. The public as well as the players have had to relearn the international me after the five-year exclusion [after Heysel]."

Evans does not favour a one-style league. "Sure. if we all played three at the back, it would help Glenn Hoddle, but style and tactics depend on the players you have." he said. feams are adapted to utilise the free spirit of someone such as McManaman or Cantona,* This variety adds, of course, to the global appeal of the Eng-

The controversy surroundbng the merits of the long-ball theory and the possession game, exemplified by Brazil and Liverpool, is unresolved. Olsen argues that direct play is the most effective route to goal, the majority of goals stemming from three passes Sourcess, bred in Liverpool's

finest era, disagrees. "The best as the best in Italy's Serie A. he said, "but I think we've [generally] been getting it wrong for a number of years. I don't subscribe to the underthree-pass school, and developing kids should spend as much time as possible with a

In the Seventies Miljan Miljanic, the astute coach of Red Star Belgrade and Real Madrid, described English football as industrial, ie. overworked. Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, is adamant about the fatigue factor. "In both Scottish and English leagues, our players are abused, physically, he said, "Rangers recently had II matches in a month. You can't expect even experienced players to cope. There is no recovery time."

Wenger said: "England have not been successful for 20 years, even with some good players; because they're men-tally and physically tired at the end of the season. They cannot expect to do well in summer. international tournaments foilowing three or more domestic



Coaching

Steve Heighway, who played for Liverpool for Il seasons and gained 30 caps for Ireland, is now Liverpool's director of youth football. Recreational lootball for kids. in the streets, has gone," he said, acknowledging that the spontaneous street genius such as Matthews or Finney will never recur, "No coaching is better than bad coathing, but, when a club has sound facilities and staff." — Liverpool have 24 full and part-time coaches - "it won't be a

ing up the foreigners." Wenger thinks that, though England are capable, tactically, of competing with anyone, the gap with foreign countries lies in youth work. The coaching of coaches is paramount, and the FA is conscious of this," he said, "but you cannot continue without

licences for coaches, without invasion of foreigners. "Like education." Brown, whose formative coaching years were with Scotland junior teams.

Olsen and others are assounded that England has no mandetory coaching qualification for managers. Even a good former player needs to learn how to lead peopie, "Olsen said. Wilkinson finds frustration in the English syndrome in which the scale of coaching pay goes

down with the age-group.

"You should be able to envis-

age a career in school or youth

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Wenger, a former defender who coached Nancy, AS Monaco and Nagoya before join-ing Arsenal, believes that the commercially buoyant English game stands at a dangerous turning point with the

fashion, it is extreme," he said. "and there are both beneficial and negative aspects. You have to balance between investment and productivity, between short-term success and the long-term danger of denying chances to young players which could suffocate the national team."

Social and financial

Wenger is unrestrained, however, in his admiration for what he terms the English lighting spirit and the affinity hearted players such as Stuart Pearce; the loyalty that sees 27,000 supporting stricken Manchester City. This generosity and loyalty to the club exists in no other country," he said, "and you must not lose this, nor the spirit of the players, though this will be threatened by the huge rise in

Wenger: surprised by technical expertise



poverty of skill

salaries." While Wenger can speak of crowd-player loyalty at a famous club such as Arsenal, Macari witnesses the other side of the coin with less glamorous Stoke, where guaranteed, agent-negotiated salaries and freedom of contract deny the manager proper control.

"In my day, we worked harder because there was more competition for places," Macari said. "You had to prove your worth every game. Now, players suit themselves. The normal rules of employment, of what the manager longer apply. The game has changed. The money, the habits. That's why I fear what lies

TOMORROW

How to cope with life at the top

Rangers forget basic principles

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By SIMON WILDE

GREAT goals can play terrible tricks on the mind. Trevor Sinclair's classic strike to kill off Barnsley in the FA Cup last week appears to have given Queens Park Rangers delusions of grandeur and on Saturday they spent 90 minutes trying to play classic football. Everybody knew what they were attempting to say, but their pronunciation was unclear. In the drawing-

room of civilised footballers, they dropped aitches left, right and centre. "We tried to play a bit of "We tried to pay football." Stewart Houston. the Rangers manager, said ruefully - and how right he was. Everywhere, ambition outstripped execution. Planned intricacies unwound painfully; touches intended to be deft were too heavy or too light; manouevres that came close to completion ended in fumbled failure. Sinclair's

son playing Franz Schubert. Rangers had enough ideas and possession to deserve at least a draw and probably would have got one had not Palace read the game so well; but Palace realised, after only 15 minutes of watching their opponents finessing the ball to no good purpose, that here

goal, for which a presentation

was made to him before the

game, may have evoked mem-

ories of Brazil circa 1970, but

this was more like Les Daw-

was a match for the taking. After running rings round Southend United in midweek and not gaining a point, this was sweet recompense, for Palace created little except their goal - and that, too. owed much to Rangers' lack of amention to detail. In the 22nd minute the ball fell to Hopkin

inside the Rangers half and he was allowed to run 15 vards without being pressured before unleashing the juiciest of drives - with his wrong foot, his left - which buried itself into a corner of the Rangers

This was Hopkin's thirteenth goal from midfield this season and he must have caught the eye of Craig Brown, the watching Scotland manager. Brown had actually come to observe Spencer, who was forced to withdraw after turning an ankle in training the previous day and whose invention was sorely missed by Rangers.

Hopkin was outstanding for Palace, but so was Nash, their inexperienced goalkeeper. Twice in the second half he made sharp saves; one from a volley from the industrious Peacock, which he palmed past his left post, the other from a point-blank header from Brazier, which he pushed off the line.

Usually, Rangers did not get as far as Nash, foundering instead on the central rock of Tuttle, Edworthy and the admirable Linighan. Dichio and Hateley, his replacement, never looked like outwitting them and the outcome - which lifted Palace above four teams, including Rangers, to sixth and back into contention for a first division play-off place was apparent to most long before Sinclair essayed another overhead kick, in the ninetieth minute. The hall dropped easily into Nash's hands, a final and neat reminder of Rangers' need to get back to basics.

Dack to basics.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): J Sommer — R Bravett, A McChonaid, D Maddis, A Impey — M Brazier, P Mutray, S Berker, T Sindark — G Peanock, D Diction (sub: M Heteley, 56mm)

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): C Nash — D Gordon, A Linghan, M Edworthy, D Tuble — C Veart, N Muscal, A Roberts, D Hookin — D Freedmen (sub: G Nash, 84). B Dyer (sub: N Shapperley, 60).

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Watford draw the line at records elub record, but all those

Rotherham United 0

By PAT GIBSON

to mention pools punters who had them down as a banker on their coupons, will have felt betrayed, but Watford were not about to apologise. They were only too happy to pass up the opportunity of equalling the Football League record of eight consecutive draws in favour of their first win in the second division since November.

They are now unbeaten in 22 league and cup matches which, if it is any consolation

Bournemouth

Blackpool 0

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

IT WAS a revealing moment.

We just have to take each

game ... " Mel Machin, the

Bournemouth manager.

began, then paused, the last

three words of the traditional

platitude apparently frozen on

his lips. As it comes? If it

Bournemouth, in the hands

of receivers with debts of more

than £4 million, were allowed

to stage this game only after

the Football League granted

them a stay of execution, and

have until Wednesday week to

find £300,000 to guarantee

their remaining fixtures this

season. Players have gone

unpaid, and John Williams,

the assistant manager, was

one of many employees dis-

missed last week as part of

Williams. nevertheless, is

continuing to work on a

cost-cutting measures.

comes, more like.

draws - 13 in their previous 15 games — had seriously undermined their chances of promotion. It is one thing being hard to best, it is quite ANORAKS everywhere, not, another going on to win, and their lack of conviction must stem, in part, from the uncertainty over the future of the

Jack Petchey, the owner, has made no secret of the fact that he wants to sell, but until a buyer comes forward - and all Watford supporters fervently hope that Elton John, the life president, is waiting somewhere in the wings there is no money available to strengthen the side.

In the circumstances, Watford have done well to hang

voluntary basis, and his dedi-

cation has been matched else-

where. A trust fund had raised

£102,000 in four days, and

Trevor Watkins, its adminis-

trator, was hopeful that contri-

butions made at Dean Court

on Saturday would amount to

another £25,000. Contribu-

tions have been of all types,

If an attendance almost

3,000 below the hoped-for

capacity crowd was a disap-

pointment, Watkins put a

brave face on it. "It's a positive

The gate receipts from Sat-

urday will pay the players'

wages, which they earned with a lighting display. "I was

really proud of the boys; we'd

like to have won, but it was

still a very big battle for us,"

Machini Sand.

BOURNEMOUTH (4-4-2): J Glass — N Young, I Cox, M Hollend, J Vincent — J Bailey M Rawferson, R Beandsmore, J Brissell (sale): J Town, 75mm) — 5 Petters. S Rubinson

BLACKPOOL (4-4-2): S Bariks — M Bryan

A Butler, D Limphan, A Barlow — J Quim, M Mellon, G Brabin, S Darton (sub C Mallon, CS) — A Preser, A Ellis

Telemon II Cox.

start," he said.

Machin said.

"from cakes to concerts".

Brave Bournemouth

bank on dedication

on to the pack of clubs chasing promotion, particu-larly when their appalling list of injuries is taken into account, They were still missing eight senior players on Satur-day and were forced to turn to one from the youth team, Ward, at the heart of their defence, and two more, Andrews and Noel-Williams, up front. Had it not been for Miller, a goalkeeper obviously destined for higher things,

It all changed in the second half. Watford's confidence got the fillip needed in the fiftieth minute when Armstrong put over a deep cross from the left and Bazeley stole in front of the Rotherham defence, Pilk-

Watford could we'll have fall-

en behind.

first effort, but Bazeley forced in the rebound. Watford began to knock the

ball around impressively and the goal that secured the game, in the 65th minute. would have had Messrs Hansen and Brooking drooling on Match of the Day. Page hit a long through-ball from the right and Slater pulled it down with his left foot before volleying brilliantly into the top corner with his right. WATFORD (3-4-1-2) K Miles — R Page, N Gebs, D Ward — D Bazeley, S Palmer; R Johnson C Amistong — S Stater — G Noel-Williams, W Andrews (sub. G Powice, 74mm)

74mm)
ROTHERHAM UNITED (5-3-5)* N. Pilang-fon — (Breckin, M. Monington, P. Blades, S. Gayle: A Roscoe (subt E Judegon, BB) — P. Hust., D. Garner, J. McGlashan. — M. Drube, I. Güber.

still alive and kicking Hereford United 3

Lowly Hereford are

Wigan Athletic1

BY IVO TENNANT

HEREFORD United lie a place above Brighton and Hove Albion in the Nationwide League third division, which is to say that they are down among the dead men. That, at least, is how clubs at the loftier end of the table view their predicament. For Wigan Athletic, there were points to be gained from this fixture to capitalise on the defeat of Fulham, the leaders, the previ-

ous evening. How wrong they were. Hereford won by scoring three goals with a verve that is not associated with this division. Their first was struck instantly by Adrian Foster from Fishlock's low cross midway through the first half. Their

second and third were beautifully curled, by Beeston and Fishlock, one speculatively and the other from a free kick. John Deehan, the Wigan manager, described them generously as "fantastic goals".

He also made it quite clear what he thought of Wigan's performance. They had equalised eight minutes after Foster's goal, Rogers flitting past a poorly-manned defence to head home. Wigan then squandered such chances as they had for the remainder of the match, Tomorrow night Hereford

are at home to Darlington, who scored five times on Saturday and who are but one point ahead of them in the table. This, perhaps, will be a greater challenge, or, at any rate, a greater scrap. A few more goals of the kind that were so forthcoming in this match will not go amiss.

HEREFORD UNITED (4-4-2) T Wood — D Norton, D Smith, T Meghrowson, M Fishbali — R Warner, C Becston, K Cowrang, C Hargeahrer — A Foster (sub 1 Foster Birmin), M kotiko (sub J Brough, 76) WIGAN ATHLETIC (3-5-2) I. Butter — C. Bishop, C. Greenol, Id. Cartagner (sub-) Dag. 57) — I. Notes, S. Mogari (sub-) Sytop, 48) P. Rogers, R. Marlinoz, G. Johnson — G. Jones. DiLowe (sub W. Biggins 75)

Second bite reward for Terriers

Collier Row and Romford 2 Bedlington Terriers 2 (after extra time)

By WALTER GAMMIE

AFTER Mike Taylor smacked an equaliser in the final minute of extra time in the FA Carlsberg Vase fifth-round rie at Sungate on Saturday, he turned a cartwheel and the Bedlington Terriers bench spilt in delight onto the field. There was a lot of passion

in the game, a lot of commitment," Keith Perry, the Northern League team's manager, said. "It was going to be a long way home when you weren't going to get anything out of it." Row and Romford, of the Icis League, to do the travelling up to the North East on Saturday, Donal McGovern, the manager, said: "We've got to be confident. We haven't

lost away all season." Bedlington took the lead with a smart shot off the post by Milner in the second minute and looked in little trouble until Gravette equalised in the 27th minute.

Bedlington wasted their chances before Hayes, the former Arsenal player, back in north London selling cars. squeezed in a shot after ten minules of extra time.

McKnight made a blinding save from Ditchburn, but Bedlington earned their lastgasp reprieve from the corner. There was still time for Sorrell, the Romford captain, to vent his feelings towards the referee and be sent off.

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— M Cameron, A Gowens, W Tessadas, G
Hays — M Cross (sub M Taylor 75) J
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McLean fits United jigsaw into picture of success

Any club travelling to play at Tannadice these days is making its way into the past, but not on a sentimental journey. The minds of its players will be packed with misgivings rather than nostalgia. Dundee United defeated Celtic 1-0 on Saturday, demonstrating that the resourcefulness and organisation absent since the 1980s truly have been restored.

Tommy McLean's side has League premier division matches in succession, the best sequence by the club since 1983. Supporters are witnessing a joyous anachro-nism. United were relegated as recently as 1995 and there was a widespread belief that they had not only left the top flight but also become outmoded.

United, it was thought, were too small, too poor not to be bruised now that Celtic and Rangers are so given to throwing their weight and money about. As it is, the future may still look like a foe to the club. Economics and, its accomplice, technology continue to appear forbidding and nohody can be sure how United will fare in the era of pay-perview television.

Some skills, however, can never become obsolete. Craftsmanship often reaches its most highly developed form when the budget is tight and United have always had to be careful with their cash. McLean may have signed seven players since becoming manager in September, but, above all, he has demonstrated the old-fashioned arts of team-building.

During the ten years at Motherwell in which he perfected his methods, funds were rarely available to McLean. Thrift might once have been a necessity, but, by now, it could be his prefer-



ence. His spending at Tannadice has been more than covered by sales, the most notable of which saw David Hannah join Ceitic for

E650.000. The true wealth employed United lies within McLean's head. There, one finds a rich mind capable not only of evaluating littleknown players but also, vital-ly, of Judging how they will complement men already on

The builders of a drystone wall use no mortar, selecting stones that will fit one another and create a structure to outlast storms. McLean's work is similar and one need only look at the forward line to see how he pieces together a

range of assets. On the right there is the trickiness of Andy McLaren and through the middle McLean employs the fleetfooted Robbie Winters. To the left of those youngsters is the older, burlier, wiser Kjell Olofsson, one of the three Scandinavians brought to the

club by the manager. Inspection of each department of the side brings the same sort of findings. The central defence sees the veteran, Maurice Malpas, supervising two husky markers. Steven Pressley and Mark Perry, while United also have a specialist marker in Erik Pedersen. In the main, he stifled Paolo di Canio on Saturday, just as he had Brian Laudrup in the 1-0 win against

Rangers in December. There was also sufficient depth in the squad for the only goal against Celtic, a refined lob in the 88th minute, to be scored by a substitute, Gary McSwegan. It may only be wishful thinking to imagine that United, third in the table. could ever sustain a challenge to the Old Firm for the league title over an entire season, but they are a rebuke to fatalists who suppose that life must always be serene for Celtic

and Rangers. The match on Saturday was an oddity that gradually became enthralling. United ought to have built an unassailable lead before Celtic, in the last 20 minutes, conjured the chances that should have guaranteed victory for them. Tommy Burns's men are now seven points behind Rangers. the leaders of the premier division, who drew 0-0 with

Heart of Midlothian,

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Golden moment when the mahseer was mastered

Ry RRIAN CLARKE

IMAGINE a Scottish salmon river rumpling through the Highlands. Now double or triple the size of it. Double or triple the speed of the current. Now imagine hooking a wild 151b trout there on a singlehanded rod; or a 40lb salmon on a regulation two-hander; or 'a 50-pounder, a 60-pounder, a

70-pounder . . . That is what those who fish for the manseer of southeast Asia say the experience is like. Like that, or like tying a Kawasaki 1000 to the

end of your line and letting it go.
Steve Edge, the head of a London design agency, knows all about it. He has just returned from one of the gentler mahseer rivers, the Cauvery, in southern India. He got two fish in five days, one of 671b, the other a 90-pounder, which is big, even as manseer go. Edge's story of the battle with his

big fish — a large-scaled, gold and silver specimen that, like all mahseer, looked part common carp

and part barbel - was typical. He hooked the fish at sunset on what his guides had told him must be the last cast of his last day. He was using a heavy-duty, double-handed rod and a 30th line. The take was savage and the fish made an immediate downstream run of

"My two guides got hold of a

coracle and the three of us scrambled in," he said. "We followed the fish, attempting to win back some line and control. We were several hundred yards further downstream before I managed to turn the fish's head. Three-quarters of an hour later, with every muscle and sinew in my body aching, I

The fish was nursed for a while in the water, lifted out for the ritual and well-earned photographs, and then held back in the current to gather its strength before being set free. Edge's last sight of it, before it swirled and turned away, still haunts him. "It was like a mythical creature cast in gold ... this huge, beautiful fish was radiating light in the dusk." he said.

Stories of the mahseer have been coming out of India and Nepal for more than 150 years; indeed, since the first sporting colonialists, far from home and seeking diversions, found them.

The early encounters mostly ended in disaster, because the tackle available simply could not cope. Over the years British manufacturers developed new rods and reels. In 1873 R. H. Thomas published The Rod In India, a famous book that brought the mahseer to

By 1885 a Captain Lumsden was telling readers of The Angler's Handbook that spinning was nor-



Edge proudly presents his 90lb mabseer before returning it to the River Cauvery in southern India

mally the most successful method. Where he had been, "the Maharaja also lends visitors elephants to fish from. These animals stand still in the rivers and are quite accustomed to having fish caught on all sides of

From the late 19th century to the late 1930s the manseer was the

great exotic of angling's upper classes. Many an expedition was launched from Great Britain, with tigers and mahseer as the principal

Then came the Second World War and mahseer fishing was largely forgotten. With independence in 1947, the fish slipped from

sight - from British awareness, at least. Things stayed that way until, in the 1970s, Paul Boote, the remarkable British angling writer and adventurer, rediscovered and republicised the fish almost singlehandedly. Boote wrote of his experiences with the mahseer and interest in the fish again began to rise.

In 1988 he teamed up with John Bailey, another well-known writer and adventurer. In 1989 the pair spent two months in the Himalayan foothills. A film of their expedition was shown widely on television in Europe and the United States. Interest in the mahseer

surged and has stayed high since.
Since that trip Boote has turned his nomadic attention to the tiger fish of the Congo River basin and to the great wild trout of Patagonia. Bailey, when he is not writing, now leads specialist, high-adventure fishing expeditions for a living including one or two trips each year for mahseer (details or advice on 01263 761602).

Bailey helped to organise the trip on which the 104lb, post-independence mahseer record was set in 1991. That trip was also to the Cauvery; but of late all of his interest has focused on the Himaiavas - on northern India, Nepal and on even more remote rivers

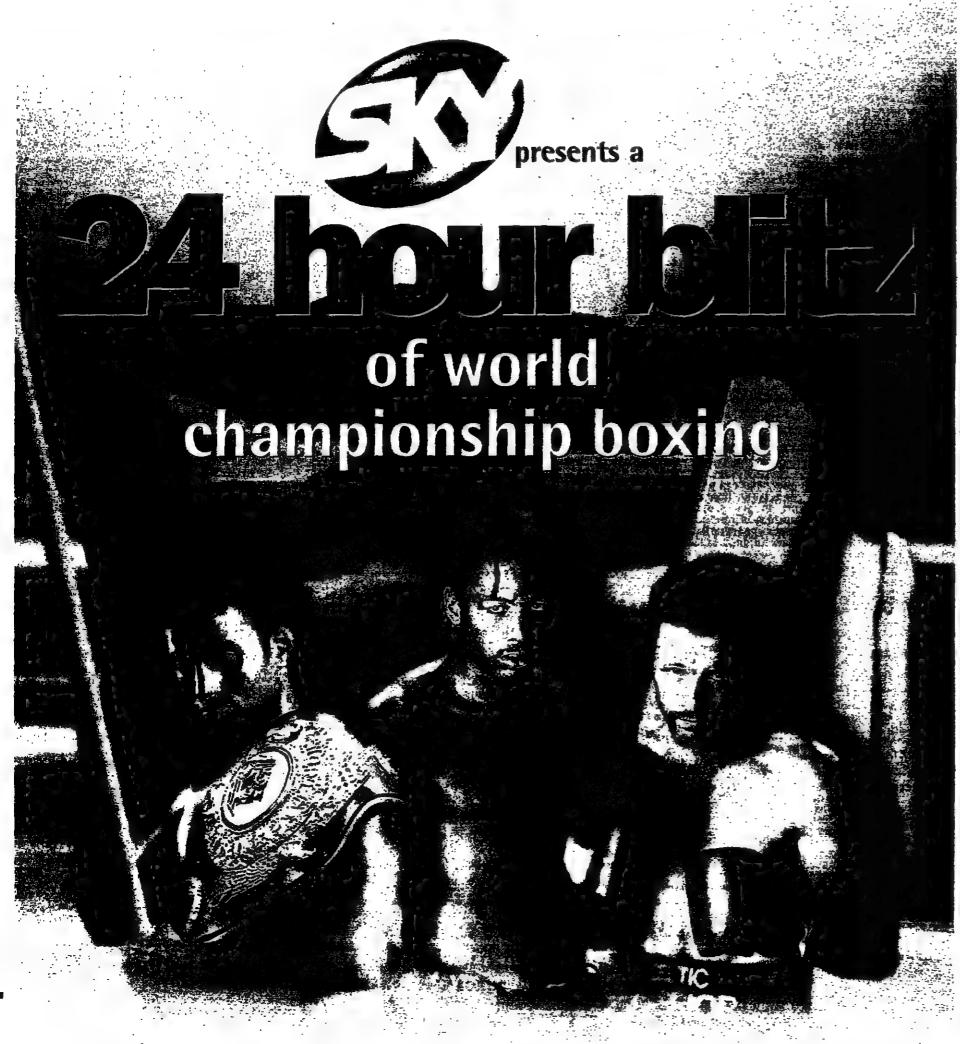
coming out of Tibet and Burma.
While the mahseer in some of the southern rivers are largely residential, the fish in the north lead lives reminiscent of salmon and trout and offer more varied angling opportunities. They feed and grow in the big rivers - most famously the Ganges and the Brahmaputra but also in many others. Fishing for them with rod and line in these

Each year, though, after the monsoons, the fish leave the big rivers for the swollen mountain tributaries to spawn. Having spawned, they head downstream again. On the way, the fish feed ravenously to regain condition; and so, in August, September and October, the fish are in eminently fishable rivers - and catchable.

Many methods are used. In the south, legering with a locally-concocted paste — the method that Edge used — is the most widely practised. In the shallower, faster rivers of the Himalayas. Bailey prefers spinning and fly fishing, mostly with salmon tackle. However, he has even taken mahseer on the dry fly with a single-handed trout rod, when they have come up to the surface to feed on moths in the dusk-

"But then," he said, "the mahseer will take whatever becomes available. I once saw poachers fishing with dynamite. Soon a lot of carp began drifting downstream, dead on the surface. They were sizeable fish, up to 6lb a piece. The mahseer came up to feed on them. To see a 6lb carp sucked out of the surface, as though it were an insect trying to hatch, is extraordinary. Imagine a fish on a river that can do that."

Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.



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Gunnell's career safely back on track

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN STUTTGART

THERE were three British winners in the Sparkassen Cup indoor meeting here yes-terday and a sturning world record, but it was a Briton who provided the most heartwarming moment by finishing second in a B race. Sally Gunnell, just across the way from where she won her world title and set a world record in 1993, emerged unscathed from her first race since leaving the Olympic arena in Atlanta six months ago in a wheelchair.

lastered

It was indicative of how far Gunnell has fallen that she was consigned to an undercard 400 metres in which none of her opponents was ranked in the world's top 100, although Anja Rucker's victory in 52.16sec promoted her to 42nd. Gunnell followed in 52.32sec, faster than she opened 1993. It was 0,60sec outside her British record.

Results from

"I am pleased with that because I was looking for low 53s," Gunnell said. "I'm getting back towards my old self. In the past, it has taken me a few races to get down to that

sort of time." Since completing the grand slam of 400 metres hurdles gold medals — Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth — in 1994, Gunnell has been an injured spectator as her Olympic and world titles have passed to other athletes. She watched from a BBC commentary position when Kim Batten claimed her world title and world record in 1995, and from a bar-restaurant in Atlanta when Deon Hemmings succeeded her as Olympic

champion.

semi-final that not only did she convince herself that her career was over, but also she did not even go to watch the final. "I went put with my family to cat and somebody turned on a television," she said. "I watched it, but I had

not planned to. As far as I was concerned, I had finished. It was only weeks later that I started to think about coming back. I wanted one last dance in the world of athletics. I did not want my last race to be one where I was carried off the track. Now I can put that behind me."

Gunnell remains true to her 1996 theme, that she would retire rather than face further surgery. "I was told I had a weak Achilles, but I was not prepared to go through sur-gery again," Gunnell, 30, said, "I had to decide whether I wanted to gamble, take two months off, come back and see what happens. I am relying on luck. There was no reaction.

no pain, today." Understandably, after having her hopes raised and dashed twice, Gunnell is reluctant to think as far forward as the outdoor world championships in Athens in August. but she has set her sights on the indoor world championships in Paris next month. "I need a good indoor season to give me the confidence for outdoors," she said.

"People ask me why I am having such a big indoor season, but, while I am not injured, I just want to race. I' do not know if I will get through to May," She had said that this year would be her last but, now, perhaps not.
"I do not know," she said. "If

I get injured, definitely, and, if I have a really good year and win in Athens, part of me will say 'Stop', but there will be a



Linford [Christie] is showing that now."

Christie, whose last firm statement was that he had retired from chambionship competition, continues, at 36. to perform well. He won the UU Metres in 20,7USEC. In pulling up in her Olympic can't. The hardest thing is his classier run was in the 60 Guerrouj, from Morocco, ished in 2hr 53min 35sec.

metres, in which he finished second to Michael Green, of Jamaica, in 6.56sec.

Colin Jackson won the 60 metres hurdles in 7.47sec and Jamie Baulch set a Welsh record of 46.13sec to win the 400 metres. Saving the best

1,500 metres world record by 2.98sec with 3min. 31.18sec. ☐ Judith Burnet, of England, finished fourth in the Valenica marathon in Spain yesterday. She recorded 3hr Obmin O4sec to trail in behind Tina Maria BOWLS

Duff claims second title in runaway fashion

BY DAVID RIHTS JONES

HUGH DUFFS 7-3, 7-4, 7-3 victory over the favourite, Andy Thomson, in the Saga world indoor singles final at Presson Guild Hall yesterday. completed a period of rehabilitation for the Cumbernauld man, who seemed to have faded from prominence after winning his first world indoor

title nine years ago.
"I lost my way a bit and was taken advantage of in the early 1990s." Duff said, "but I feel i'm now the master of my own destiny, and I'm delighted to

have regained the title."

Duff was sent home from the outdoor international se-ries in Llanelli in 1995 for breaking a team curiew, but bounced back to win the International Open that au-tumn and reached the final of the world indoor singles championship last year.

The style of his win was quite different from that he had used at Alexandra Palace in 1988, when he drew monotonously to the jack and dominated every opponent. Then, his first two bowls were so effective that he could have kept his third and fourth in his

Yesterday, and on the way to the final, his drawing was suspect, but he showed that he has learnt a whole new game, and is now able to get out of trouble with aggressive retrieval shots.

"It was Hugh's conversion shots that did all the damage, especially in the first set," Thomson said. "On one end. I was lying four shots, and he got a slightly fortunate result to take the shot, but, by the end, he was outdrawing me, and deserved to win."

On Saturday, in an all-English pairs final, Mervyn King and Tony Allcock, the favourites, defeated Duncan Robinson and Brett Morley, from Nottingham, the cham-pions of England, 7-0, 7-5, 7-6,

King fully justified, with some panache, his selection as Allcock's new partner, taking the place of David Bryant, who had helped Allcock, the world outdoor singles champion, to six titles in 12 years. Moriey, at skip, thed ly, but in vain, to stem the tide. | tried to play a part in encour-

Sponsors need to nourish as well as promote

Sports sponsorship is booming as the private sector moves to cash in on the increasingly high television profile of leading events. Total sponsorship in Great Britain rose nearly 20 per cent last year to a record £340 million - more than double the amount raised ten

Yet the hald figures conceal the reality that the money is almost entirely feeding into the leading sports - especially newly-professionalised rug-by union and cash-rich Premiership football.

Almost three-quarters of the increase in sponsorship in 1996 stemmed from the oneoff money generated by Euro 96, which totalled £38.5

millim Nearly 1,000 sports sponsorship deals were signed during the year, but just 76 involved grass-roots, school or

youth projects.

There is a serious danger, despite recent calls by both main political parties to improve funding of youth-based sports, that private sector involvement will be limited to glossy, high-profile events such as the five nations' championship. Sponsors inevitably want some return on their investment and the profile-raising television coverage of leading events is hard to resist. Such an elitist approach to sporting invest-ment, however, could prove

counter-productive over the medium term. Some businesses have rec ognised this. BT has invested £750,000 in school sport sponsorship schemes, while the Midland Bank has earmarked around £1 million to encourage junior tennis projects building on a project that has already been

running for 12 years. A few minority sports have also benefited from substanial sponsorship projects at grassroots level. Sabre Fund Management has donated some E120,000 to the British Amateur Wrestling Association for a development programme that has led to nearly 8,000 new participants in the sport. Sainsbury's has pumped

all" roadshow and a three-aside school competition.

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aging investment at a lower level, establishing the sportsmatch scheme to match private sector donations with government money, The scheme has provided more than £12 million since its launch in 1992 for projects that range from encouraging cricket in primary schools to a

junior ice hockey programme. Yet for all the political rhetoric surrounding school and junior sport at present, the government contribution to the scheme was actually cut from £3.7 to £3.2 million in the Budget. It has been left to the National Lottery to fill the financing gap. Here at least, the smaller sports and grassroots projects du seem to be

The latest figures show that nearly £350 million hus been awarded to sports projects from lottery schemes. A total of 57 different sports received money, mostly for schemes costing less than E100,000. A Humberside school, for instance, received £60,000 to develop a state-ofthe-art netball centre. The largest single grant so far is £12.5 million, earmarked for a new ice arena complex in Sheffield, while swimming has received the largest total amount of funding, at £64 million. Even truly small sports, though, such as trampolining and tug of war, have secured some cash.

However, money from the lottery is not secure — its distribution priorities can change and it cannot continue to prop up lower-level sport for ever. Until the grass-roots can persuade business - and some of the greedler govern-ing bodies — that it deserves a fair slice of sponsorship money, the much beralded revival of British sport remains in the balance.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

BASKETBALL: COACH INSISTS THAT MANCHESTER CAN STILL MAKE PLAY-OFFS

Whelton gives Irish vote of confidence

By Nicholas Harling

PLENTY of players have come in for criticism at Manchester Giants this season from Joe Whelton, the club's coach, but Colin Irish is a big exception. The arrival of Irish, the oft oin former England international. last month, after his release from Cholet, the French club. was expected to accelerate the Giants' Budweiser League title bid, but the effect has been just the opposite.

Manchester's run of four defeats in five games has put them in danger of missing the play-offs. "You can't put it

down to Colin Irish," Whelton said. "Colin will be fine, but he's had to make an adjustment. He had not played a regular season game since November and his timing and

his shooting have been off." There are four realistic title contenders, but one of the next five, which include the Giants and Leicester Riders - their conquerors on Saturday will definitely be excluded from the play-offs. "It won't be us," Whelton said. "We'll be fine. I can guarantee that."

By the time Irish came off the bench to hit ten points, the Giants were well on their way

to a 93-72 home defeat in front of a crowd of 9,307 in the Nynex Arena, the best in the Budweiser League this season. Despite 17 points apiece from Mark Robinson and Michael Brown, the Giants succumbed to seven three-pointers from Leicester, whose outstanding marksmen were Justin Phoenix (25 points), Leon McGee (18) and Nate Reinking (17).

There's a certain amount of complacency," Whelton said. The guys have got to be more professional and decide whether they want to be here next season. If not, there's going to be a bunch of fresh faces. When I came back here this season, too many players were on existing contracts, I couldn't do much about that."

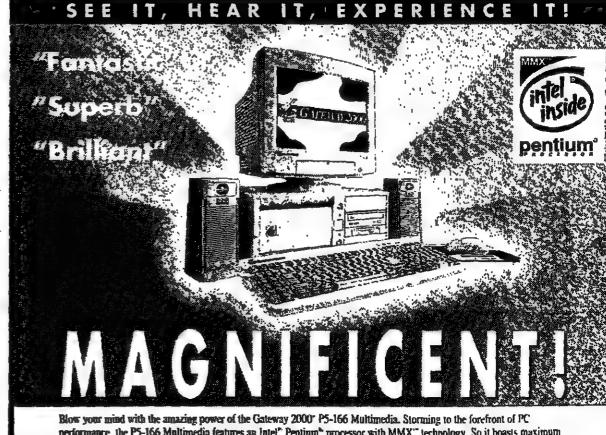
The Leopards lost 91-89 to Newcastle Eagles, the decisive three-pointer coming 17 seconds from time from Chris Fire, while Tony Dorsey led Birmingham Bullets to a 94-84 win away to Derby Storm with 30 points. Thames Valley Tipers, still seething from the previous evening's contentious 105-104 overtime defeat away by Worthing Bears, took their anger out on Hemel and Watford Royals, with a 118-85

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BLATHLON CRYSTAL PALACE: Purns grand prix Indoor meeting: Merc Pole vautt: A Hardy (Blackheath) 4,00m. Long jumps: S Philips (Rugby) 7-42. Triple jumps: F Ayespong (Shahesbury Barnet) 14,34. Shot: 1, 1. Newman (Belgrave) 18.11; 2, M. Edwards (Charmood) 16-41; 3, E. Udectulus (Blackheath) 15.91. Women: Pole vautt: S Daker (Shajteobury Bernet) 3.10m. Triple jump; K. Skegge (Astroot) 12.07. Shot: 1, J. Oakes (Croydon) 18.04, 2, T. Aden (Shalesbury Barnet) 15.12; 3, M. Lynes (Essex Ladlen) 15.08. Minus 87 Paisley 57, Blunger 85 Index 99, Investigate 79 Continuings 87 ALLEGEMENT BITTER WELSH INDOOR ASSOCIATION TEAM CHAMPIONISMP: East section: Coed Dusor 89 Taff 59 93; Lynh 78 Henlys 70, Caldeal 78 St Tydil 96. Portcanno: 90 Bule: 69; Usbratuth: 91 Glynrhondola 50; Wylie: 70 Ystradicalog 84. West section: Alan 92 Ammina: 58; Murrables 95 Cennen. 70; Sepon 75 Jansey Marine 85; St Porance 63 Margam 85; Stepney 50 Cowich 93; Stradey 109 Porybord 56. Carrier 195; Porance 63 Margam 86; Stepney 50 Cowich 93; Stradey 109 Porybord 56. Carrier 115; Phonotics 101 Newsport 116; Tortean 124 Taff By 129. West section: Open 110 Swarsea: 100; Dinehm 88 Uarseli 165; Port Tablo 179 Heatherton 83; Sarlswood 151 Permbroke 111 North section: Firth 136 Radnor 97; Bro Ddyl 133 Sealand 117. **ATHLETICS** International indoor meeting STUTTGART: Men. 60m; 1, M Green (Lam) 6 56ser 2, L Chrisne (GB) 6.58; 3, D Eznwa (Noona) 6.58 20m; 1 Chrishe 20 70, M Bitme (Ger) 20,84, 3, R Griffin (US) 20 85 400m; 1 J Baulch (GB) 46 13; 2, D Hall M Blume (Ger) 20,84, 3, R Grifin (US) 20,85,400m; 1 J Baulch (GB) 46,13:2 D Hall (US) 46,19:3 J Bouser (US) 46,13:2 D Hall (US) 46,19:3 J Bouser (US) 46,13:2 D Hall (US) 46,19:3 J Bouser (US) 48,23:800m; 1 N Mottchebon (Gor) from 46,403ec; 2 F Orwards, (Ken) 1,46:87; 3, J Debreel (Ger) 1,50:88:1,500m; 1 N B Guernout (Mor) 3,31:18 (world report), 2 H Gebreelassae (Eth) 3,32,39; 3, R Storect (Ger) 3,37:64:3,000m; 1 B Jabbour (Mor) 7,40:74:2 S Klphofir (Kon) 7,412:8, 3, 5 Sghw (Mor) 7,42:2 M Crear (US) 7,52:3, F Busernam (Ger) 7,61:20, 60m; 1 N Gebreelassae (Ger) 7,62:3, 7 Sghw (Mor) 7,42:2 D Ether (Ger) 5,70; 3, P Bottochkarjov (Russ) 5,70 Wormen: 60m; 1, C Opara (Nigeral 7,08:2, 1 Privatova (Russ) 7,08:3 M Papachies (Ger) 7,18:200m; 1, M Frazirer (Jum) 23,15; 2,5 Felix (Fr) 23,23; 3, P D Ayst (Bah) 32,26; 400m; 1, G Brouser (Ger) 1,500m; 1, A Westus (US) 4:10,81 (Ger) 2,02:49; 2,1 Kisabeka (Ger) 2,02:44:1,500m; 1,4 Whethus (US) 4:10,81 (Ger) 2,7 (Ger) 8:10 High pump; 1,1 Lipachous (Russ) 1,92m; 2, S Liuchova (Russ) 8:10; 1,100m; 1,1 Lipachous (Russ) 1,92m; 2, S Liuchova (Russ) 8:10; 1,100m; 1,1 Shellesbury Barnes) 15 12: 3, M Lynes (Essex Ladien) 15.08.

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CACERES, Spein: Clubs European Cup. Men 10.000m; 1, P Guerra (Por) 23min 48sec; 2. A Gones (Sp) 29.57, 3, E Henriques (Por) 29:59; 4, J M Garda (Sp) 30:07; 5, C Sephenson (ISB) 30:20, Chubs: 1, Lebon Marathon Club (Por) 21:05; 2, New Balance (So) 23, 3 Birojely (ISB) 88, 4 Mulighan (ISB) 78; 5, Cardiff (ISB) 124 TOURCOND, Francisc (MAP world remainded (Kar) 21 19; 5, A Parason (ISB) 22:25; 13 J Downes (Ire) 29:52 Women: 1, C McKlernen (Ire) 17:08; 2, Cole Reuck (SA) 17:12; 3, P Raddittle (ISB) 17:20; 6, L Elliott (ISB) 17:42; 9, S Rigg (ISB) 17:53; 17, L Taibor (ISB) 18:17, 19, A Davies (ISB) 18:23 LEEDS; British universities champoniships: Men: 1, S Wilkinson (Loughborough 18:18; 2, P Trackry (ISB) 18:23, 3, S Seimon (Loughborough) 18:30 Team: Shelifeld. INTER-CLUB MOB MATCH (Putney Vals, 75 miles) 1, M Goadley (Thames Hare and Hounds) 41min 30:sec; 2, A Hernan (South London Harriers), Vetersor: H Arnold (Internes Hare and Hounds) Over 55: D Clasone (South London Harriers) 50:09 Over 60: K Spece (Thames Hare and Hounds) 59:31, 2, K Southall (South London Harriers) 50:09 Over 60: K Spece (Thames Hare and Hounds) 59:44 Women: R Disley (Themes Hare and Hounds) 59:44 Women: R Disley (Themes Hare and Hounds) 59:44 Women: R Disley (Themes Hare and Hounds) 59:47 Hurriers 836pts; 2, Thamen Hare and Hounds 19:48 THURROCK: Essex League: Men: 1, Fl Dermark (Basikion) 30min 37:sec; 2, J BOXING

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BOWLS PRESTON: Saga world indoor champ-lonating Singles: Semi-finate: H Duff (Soot) bt G Harlow (Eng) 5-7, 7-4, 7-8, 7-8, 7-8, 7-4, 7-3, Finat: Duft bt Thomson 7-4, 7-4, 7-4, Pairs: Semi-finat: M King, and A Allecok (Eng) bt K Kerkow and I Schuback (Aus) 7-6, 7-1, 7-2, Finat King and Allocok to D Robreson and B Mortey (Eng) 7-0, 5-7, 7-6, 7-4. 7-6, 7-4.
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LEAGUE: Premier division: Section A:
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SEOUL South Korea: World Boxing Association junior-lightweight champtonship: Chot Yong-soo (S Kor, holder) bt Lalva Sim (Mong) pts.
INGLEWOOD, California: Professional Spit-heavyweight bout. Thomas Hearns (US) bt Ed Datton (US) to 5th.
INVINE, California: Professional junior-lightweight bout (Yornda): Reardo Fuentes (US) bt Felipe Castillo (Mex) pts. CRESTA RUN

ST MORTIZ: Mongan Cup: 1, F.G Gansier (Switz) 154 15ee; 2, J.B. Surley (GB) 154 35; 3, Lord Wirottesley 154 59, 4, G. Pisch (Switz) 156 74; 5, D. von Ribbertinge (Ger) 155.60; 6, M.T. Pisch (Switz) 155.60; 7, C. Bertschinger (Switz) 155.98, B. C. Tesdorpi (Ger) 157.71, Bott Cup: 1, D.C. Keller (Switz) 1557950; 2, M.M.K. Fischer (Ger) 153.10; 3, W.K. Shipton (GB) 153.27; 4, U.E. Schwarzenbach (Switz) 153.60; 5, J.L. Wood (GB) 154.28; 6, M.U. Diethelm (Switz) 154.37 CYCLING

GS STELLA (Funtington, West Sussex, 40km): 1, R Hayles (Team Ambrosia) 57min 11acc (course and event record); 2, T Stevers (Team 2,000) 59/26; 3, M Jones (GS Steka) 1302:10. Team: GS Steka 118:44. RETIENING FRIENDLY CC (Brigstock, Northemptonschire, 26.4 miles): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 1:02:20 (course record); 2, G Sheriock (Norwood Paragon) 1:04:41; 3, A Framer (VC Campets) 1:04:84. Team: GS Metro 3:16:20. . Cycle cross

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Irioll) at 35sec; 5, W de Vos (Holl) at 53; 6. E.
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1:39; 9, D. Rumlei (Switz) same thing; 10, P.
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7, Great Britain 99 Under-28; 1, SNijs (Bel)
8, Beigham 25; 5, B. Wellens (Bel) at 22sec; 3,
C Morel (Fr) at 38; 4, M. Martinzer (Fr) at 58;
6, G. Grommers (Holl) at 1min 27, Junione:
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CAROFF 100 MRES RCC (Caroff Athlete Stadem, Leclestith, 12 miles); 1, J Winn (Extreme CC) 50min 30sec; 2, I Jeremiah (Caroff) 137) at 35sec; 3, J Reet (Frondets Valley CC) 1.20
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RUGBY LEAGUE

CLUB MATCHES: Leign 10 Oldnam 64; Bradford 36 Keightey 20; Castleford 20 Feetherstone 24; Lanceshire Lyrix 4 Wilgan Bradford 38 Neightey 20; Castleton 20 Feetherstone 24; Lanceshire Lyrax 4 Wigan 32.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE Prairie distinct Ductey Hit 12 West Hull 12: Hevorth 34 Mayfeld 12; Leigh Minter 19 Seddieworth 20; Lock Lares 36 Egypermont 9; Coloran St Annes 27 Wigen 3; Patricles 15; Woolston 28 Beverley 4. First division: Asisten 20 Leigh East 14; Bearow Island 30 Estimator 12; Blankhrook 20 Moldgreen 24; Cotjon 19 Weshey Central 19; Thornhill 25 East Leeds 17; Wigen 51, Judes 15 Millom 10, Second division: Desebury Moor 20 Ovenden 32; Featherstone American 12 New Estawick 12; York Acom 8 Fachhill 30, Eccles 17; Hull Dediever, 16 Shaw Coast 18; Millord 20 Stateson 16; Naturanton 12 New Estawick 12; York Acom 8 Fachhill 30, TOWNSVILLE, Australia: World nine-diside trummement: Australia: 20 Western Samoe 8; Fill 12 Cook Islands 8; Papua New Guines 8; Fill 12; Cook Islands 8; Papua New Guines 6; Both 20 France 0, Australia: 26 Fill 10; Western Samoe 16; Papua New Guines 4; Cook Islands 4; Anter 10 Trongs 10; Greet Britain 40 Japan 1; France 8; Tongs 6; Western Samoe 18 Cook Islands 10; Fill 12 United States 8; Australia: 34 Papua New Guines 4; Greet Britain 12 New Zeeland 10; South Africa 18 France 4; Tongs 44 Japan 0; France 4; Greet Britain 12 New Zeeland 10; South Africa 18 France 4; Tongs 44 Japan 0; France 8; South Africa 18 Greet Britain 12 New Zeeland 10; South Africa 18 Greet Britain 12 Papua New Zeeland 10; Fouther States 21, Japan 16; Western Samoe 6; France 8; South Africa 6; Bowl. Semi-finals: Papua, New Guines 20 Japan 0; Tongs 26 United States 4, Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 4; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 4; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 4; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 6; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 6; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 6; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 6; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 6; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 6; Final: Fig 22 South Africa 8; Cook Islands 6; Fin

SKIING LAOC, Seitzmand: Women's World Cup downfall: 1, W Zelenskaja (Russ) finis 24.88ec; 2 agual, R Golandri (Austria) (25.07 and M Zurbriggen (Switz) 125.07; 4, H Linch (US) 125 30; 5, I Kosaner (I) 125.22 Leading downfall standings: 1, Zurbriggen 349;ts; 2, Goetschi 307; 3, Seizinger 298; 4, Kostner 241; 5, Zelenskaja 223. World Cup statem: 1, C Riggler (NZ). Inm 20.75ee; 2 L Magon (b) 120.82, 3 acuse, M Accols (Switz) and P Witters (Swe) 120.83, 5, E Eder (Austra) 121.01; 6, 5 Egger (Austra) 121.12, 7, T Salder (Nor) 121.82, 8, D Compagnon (b) 121.53, 9, P Cristuret Fr) 121.56; 10, Y Howen (Swe) 121.71, Leading slaten standings: 1, Wiberg 570pts; 2, Riggler 389; 3, Compagnon 327, 4, Cristret SSS, 5, Eder 251 Leading overall World Cup standings: 1, Wiberg 1,425pts; 2, K Setzinger (Ger) 845; 3, H Gerg (Ger) 845; 3, H Gerg (Ger) 845; 3, H Gerg (Ger) 818; 4, Compagnon 787; 5, A Wachter (Austra) 654. SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Regal Weish Open: Semi-finet S Hendry (Soot) bt J Parrott (Eng.) 8-2. Finet: Hendry bt M King (Eng.) 9-2. SWIMMING

GELSENGRICHEN, Germany: World Cupe Solds round: Mert. 100m freestyle: 1, M (Kim Jaus) 48,625ec; 2, S Aschildman (Kiz) 48,835; 3, N Jean (Rom) 49,19 400am treestyle: 1, J Hoffmann (Ger) 3min 40.78sec (European record): 2, M Rosolino (R) 3-45,61; 3, 1 Loridina (Ger) 3-48,82,6, J Selber (Ger) 3-52,78, 100m beschroke: 1, V Selber (Fluss) 53,25; 2, A Radley (Aus.) 53,55; 3, H fui (Japan) 54,13, Subm breeststroke: 1, M Warnelee (Ger) 27,79; 3, R Martin (Ger) 28,12,200m breeststroke: 1, S Lopuldrov (Fluss) 208,26; 2, C A Korneev (Fluss) 208,26; 3, Y Okta Lippen) 21,15; Subm breeststroke: 1, K Lichten (Fluss) 23,67; 2, M Rosolino (Ger) 27,79; 3, R Martin (Ger) 208,56; 3, Y Okta Lippen) 21,15; Subm butterfly: 1, K Lichten (Fluss) 23,67; 2, M Rosolino (Fluss) 125,64 (world record); 2, Lichten (Ger) 24,40,200m butterfly: 1, D Parkendov (Russ) 125,64 (world record); 3, C Rosolino (Ger) 155,58; 100m mediey: 1, Woucks 40,55,59 (world record); 3, U Volk (Ger) 41,314, Womer: 50m breastyle: 1, S Volker (Ger) 24,68; 2, K Meissner (Ger) 25,18; 3, V Okta 13,48; 2, K Meissner (Ger) 25,18; 3, C Okta 16,18; 3, K Men (Aus.) 159,65; 800m treastyle: 1, Bowton (Jus) 159,64; 3, M Nocoko (Den) 159,65; 800m treastyle: 1, Bowton (Jus) 159,64; 3, M Nocoko (Den) 159,65; 800m treastyle: 1, Bowton (Jus) 159,64; 3, M Nocoko (Jus) 159,65; 800m breaststroke: 1, M Hari (Crim) 1,169,02,7; 7500m (Jus) 25,92; 2, C Rund (Ger) 210,83; 100m treaststroke: 1, K Hari (Crim) 1,169,02,7; 7500m (Jus) 21,92; 2, M Jacobson (Den) 159,94; 3, S Stou (Den) 150,68; 200m mediey: 1, 3 Round (Den) 21, M Hari (Crim) 10,690; 2,700; 200m mediey: 1, 3 Round (Den) 2

TENNIS Nymer's Consequence (**0, *-6, *-6.
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HOCKEY

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NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Chester Swakel 2; Formby 1 Ben Fityclong 1 Norton 4 Harrogate 0; Shelfseld Benkers Neston 1, Southport 7 Ramgerhia 1 Timpensy 5 Springfields 3

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HALIFAX: Ogden Moors race (#M., 700t):
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(record), 2, G Patien (Pudsey and Bramley)
31.34; 3, T O'Kel (Stockport) 31.48, 4, G
Devine (Pudsey and Bramley) 31.52, 5, 5
Oldright (Bradford Aredale) 42.22 Teams
Pudsey and Bramley 13gts, Women: 1, 8
Could (Flustey and Bramley) 35.08
(record): 2, C Greenwood (Bingley) 38.53:
3, K Drake (Spontborough, WSte) 39:37

NORWICH: English national champion-nitips: Men's singles; Cuspter-finals: R Doling (Kern) bi G Humeli (Hampichine) 15-3, 18-3, S Pandva (Stationishie) bi R Noci-(Gloucesters/reg) 15-12, 2-16, 16-16; P Bush (Witshire) bi M Edge (Lancalmin) 18-7, 18-3, P Knowles (Kent) bi M

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DTZ DESENHAM THORPE LEAGUE-Premier divisions Harborne 3 Hernston-en-Anden 1, Loughborough Students 6 Khelse C, North Notes 2 Blomesch S, Nottengham 4 Covering and North Warvicks 2: Oil n. West Warvechstein 7 Brossonshild 1. SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Beth Buccaneers 7 Llan and Llan 0, Bristol University 5 Plymouth 1; Clevedon 3 Whitchundt 2; Robbissons 2 Teachton Vale 0; Wocton-duper-Mere 1 Swarreet 1.

SCOTTISH INDOOR CLP: Somi-Sollic Insights Mencleshill 6 Torbrex Wanderers 3; MM 4 Gordonans 2 Finel: Inaghta Mencuentil 5 MM 3 WOMEN'S LEAGUES: West: Bourne-mouth 2 Colveil 1: Wirnborne 1 Rediand 4; St Austell 1 Learninster 2. East: Selveders 1 Redianage 1. North: Blackburn 2 Poymon 3; Shelffeld 3 Welton 3 South: Hampsteed 0 Winchester 1; Horstram 4 Worthing 2 Reading 5 Winchmore Hill 2 Southermpton 2 Dutwich 0; Tulse Hill 0 Portemouth 1

NASTRÓ AZZUERO LEGUE: Premier Lague: Archorans I Farcham 3. Chichester 3 Bournemouth 3: High Wycorobe 5 Activation 20 Madenhesad 4 Ramgethia 1: Obt Wingstonera, 0 Gene Court C. Old Wingstonera, 0 Gene Court C. Obt Wingstonera, 0 Winchester 1, Wolungham 1 Hampstead/Westinerater 7, Hampsthon-Surrey: Portsmouth 5 Cambrolley 1: Obted 1 Octron 8: Old Confessions 3 Old Mid-Wingstonera 1. Dutent 1 Epsom 2; Blandsond 4 Andoler 1, Cheam D Purley 7: Old Walcountains 1 Bernet 1 Kenth-Gussey: Ashtond 2 Hernb Bay 6: Bedohnath 0 Old Bordenians 5: Bedoy Invital 2 Behedore 2: Blackhesth 4 MidSteton 0: Bognor 1 Sevenasis 5, Brighton 1 Marden Russets 2; Eastbourne 2 Mid Sussaix 4: Lloyda Benk 1 Old WOMEN'S TRIANGULAR TOURNA-MENT: Loughborough Students 2 English Chiversones 1; Loughborough Students 1 Lelcoster 4, English Universities 1 Lelcoster 5 (at Loughborough) WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Aldridge 2 Ermouth 1: Bracknell 6 Berkhamsted 1, Copolock o Narieston 3. Havarri 2 Aldershot and Fareham 1, Northampton 0 Protentick 1, Sevennaks 3 Letchworth 0, Wolving 1 Otton 3, West Witney 4 Bedford 0

WOMEN'S SCOTTISH BYDOON CUP: Somilanuis Edmburgh Ludies 4 Western Klick Photoporit 4 (Western won 3-2 on pers), Clydepdale 2 Bonagrass Grove 2 Clydepdale won 3-2 on pers), Final: Western Klick Photopoint 4 Clydesdale 2



Daniele Pontoni, of Italy, raises his arms as he crosses the line to win the world cyclo-cross championships in Munich yesterday. Pontoni won in Ihr 00min 40sec, 23 seconds ahead of his nearest rival

RUGBY UNION Edinburgh Assai 44 Morrison's Assai 5: Clenelmond 32 Glesgew Assat 7; Herropky 22 Erneruni 8; Herropkis 8 Woodhouse Grove 29; King's, Miscolestield 22 8: Scheaff's, Livespool 3; Lord Wendleworth 13 Windsletch 32; Newspool 3; Lord Wendleworth 13 Windsletch 32; Newspool 3; Lord Wendleworth 13 Reinglet 55 17 RGS, High Wycomise 7; 8: Benedict 34 Gumerisbury 10; Sliconies 10 CEGS, Weierfield 54.

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HOCKEY CRYSTAL PALACE English women's Indoor championships: Under-18: Group A: Painsley BC 0: Gordeno 4: Str William Perkins 0: Coopers Column 2: Western Parkins 0: Coopers Column 2: Western Parkins 0: Coopers Column 0: Western Parkins 0: Coopers Column 0: Str Western Parkins 0: Gordeno 3: Coopers Column 0: Str Western Parkins 0: Gordeno 3: Coopers Column 2: Str Western 1: Coopers Column 2: Str Western 1: Coopers Column 2: Str Western 1: Str We Gordano 2. Group B: Brighouse HS 2 The Chess High 3. Chelentham 0 Henry Cort 2: Tortorlogs GS 4. Brighouse HS 3. The Cresse High 5. Chelsnham 1; Henry Cort 4: Tortorlogs GS 0; Brighouse HS 0. Chelsnham 4; The Chesse High 1 Henry Cort 2: Cheltenham 1 Tortorlogs GS 4. Henry Cort 2: Cheltenham 1 Henry Cort 0. Cheltenham 1 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 1 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 1 Henry Cort 1 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 1 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 1 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 1 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 2 Henry Cort 1 Henry Cort 2 He

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PRÈNCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool onet Agen 31 Nimes 18; Grenoble 23 Bourgoin 18; Bézans 27 Perigueux 5; Castres 21 Toutouse 12: Dax 25 Bismiz 20, Pool brox Pau 13 Dijon 17: Bave 12 Montiferrand 12; Touton 20 Bégles-Bordeaux 28; Paris University Cubs 20 Nerbornse 28; Colombre 29 Perpignen 25.

TALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: L'Aquile 21 Milan 50: Treviso 77 Rome 8; Colletiaro 12 Padova 22; Rovigo 84 San Dona 7; Calvesano 69 Caliania 3; Bologna 35 Livorno 10.

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Fifth Test match Australia y West Indies PERTH (second day of five; Australia worl loss) West Indies, with three first-minings inclets in hend, are 110 runs ahead of AUSTRALIA: First femolog.

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I. H.E. Whaugh & Campbell b Ambrose
J. S.R. Waugh & Browne b Ambrose
M.G. Bevann out
J.A. Healy b Ambrose
P.R. Reitel & Sammons b Ambrose
S.K. Warne & Browne b Bishop
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These Ry Un w 2, nb 14) BCWLING: Ambroce 18-5-43-5 Walsh 9-0-29-0 Bichop 18-5-54-3 Smmons 20-5-59-1: Hooper 15-1-49-0

Total (7 wits) 353
C E L Ambrose and "C A Walsh to bet
FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-43, 3-251,
4-275, 6-331, 6-332, 7-332 BOMLING McGrath 24-5-64-2: Bichel 18-1-79-0: Retter 20-5-65-3: Warne 18-7-55-2: Blaneti 6-2-19-0: S.R. Waugh 7-1-26-0: Bevan 5-0-31-0 Umpres: D G Har (Australia) and P Wiley (England) One-day international

South Africa v India PORT ELIZABETH (India) wan tasti). South Alrica best India by six vackets MACUA 29-0 Section 18-5-54-3 Simmons 20-5-59-1 Mooper 15-7-49-0 Hooper 15-7-49-0

SNOW REPORTS

Weather (5pm) Last °C snow Conditions Runs to Piste Off/p resort

FRANCE 90 250 good verted lair sun 0 20/1 (Graat piste skiing high up, mixed lower down)
40 230 good hard noy sun 0 20/1 (Upper pistes enjoyable, roy patches low down)
45 130 fair moguls roy sun 3 20/1 (Cover good though most runs becoming roy)
95 125 good varied loy sun -3 20/1 (Pistes mostly good though roythard areas)
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40 300 good varied wom (Excellent skiing above mid-station)
60 295 good varied fair (Enjoyable skiing on well-groomed pistes)
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Total (9 wids, 50 overs) (I.K V Prasse) did nor tint. FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-7, 3-11, 4-116, 5-118, 8-130, 7-147, 8-168, 9-177

BOMLING: Policox 10-1-37-1, Kalis 8-2-23-2; Donald 10-2-40-3, Nuserier 8-0-28-0, Adams 10-1-31-1; Cronje 4-0-17-0 Adams 101-31 (Crongs 40-17-4)
SOUTH APRICA
A M Bacher b Kumble
G Kinsten c Azharuddin b Prasad
J H Kalis c Ankols b Sangh
D J Cullinan c Jasteja b Sangh
M J Cronge not out
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FALL OF WICKETS, 1-8, 2-47, 3-89, 4-154 BOWLING Smelh 7 1-2-24-0 Praced 9-0-41-1; Kumble 9-0-30-1; Ankola 10-0-42-0; Singh 10-0-34-2. Men of the match: J H Kalls. Umpres: A E Koenzen and D L Orchard.

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL BATCH (SO OVERS) Friday: Zembelove 256 for 8 (G W Flower 62, D L Houghton 57 A A Danaid 4 for 46); South Africa 259 for 6 (S M Feder); South Africa with Language 10 of 60 South Africa with for 46); South Africa 258 for 6 (S. M. Pollock 175; W. J. Cronje 70 not out) South Africa with by five witchers 61 HEFFIELD SHEELD: Brisbane (final day of fout) Outernskind 179 and 412 (T. J. Barby 107); Western Australia 183 (A. Daie 5-43) and 273-5 (T. M. Micordy 136); Match drawn Melbourne thred day of four) New South Wales 250 and 264-8 dec. Victoria 164 (B. E. Micharians 5-30) and 391-8 (G. R. Vimpani 162, I. J. Harvey 88, M.T. G. Elfort 65). Victoria van by Inor wickets. Adelbade (Second day of four): South Australia 233 (D. S. Lahmenn 76), Tasmenia 304-6 (J. Cor 94, D. F. Hills 59).

SUPERSPORT SHEES: Durcon Hearnet day of four): Gequaland Vices 19 (T. Bosch 5-15) and 18-1; Notal 413-3 dec. (D. N. Crookes 128 not out, D. M. Bernierstein 101 not out, E. I. A. Sawern 182, D. J. Watson 52; Bloemstontein: Sociand day of four): Fred State 401 (J. F. Vorter 101, D. Lordain 88) Border 321-5 (P. J. Botha 138, P. N. Kasten 58, M. Boucher 53 not out). Paarl (Inst. day of four): Bloend 204 (K. C. Jackson 120, Eastern Province 30-4.
RED STRIPE CUP (second day of four): Bridgetown: Timutad and Tobago 165 if Roberts 52. T. Robock 6-15, and 81-2; Burbedox, 23 I.F. I. Roberts 12-0; Windward Islands 104. Georgebown: Glysna v. Legward Islands — no play due to retr.

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Second division Nottinghilm

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(at Cardill Arms Park)

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Mills (Wassall, 11, 23c, 23cg), 193: 193: R
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If you think netball is for schoolgirls and sissies, think again, says Sally Jones after a gruelling refresher course

Running in circles on the night of the shooting stars

trainer, as a dozen players hurtled down the court (with me bringing up the rear, alas) and began bounding explosively in a highly energetic sequence of squat thrusts, press-ups and star jumps before explaining to the fee and

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fore sprinting to the far end.

The exercise part of a gruelling one-hour session of strenching and circuit training, was repeated half-a-dozen times. While I tried to get my breath back, thigh muscles screaming for mercy after the unaccustomed leaps, we paired up for a series of handling drills; one player throwing the ball over the head of her partner, who then had to execute an acrobatic, arching leap backwards, controlling the ball one-handed, first with the left hand and then the right.

Finally we were divided into teams and began a series of cruel but fair "friendly" matches which, despite the speed and much bumping around more appropriate to a football game, seemed like a rest cure compared to the ferocious training that had

Admittedly, it was at least 15 years since I had last played netball regularly, and a far cry from the days when I had enjoyed a Vinnie Jones-style reputation as a vicious goal attack (help shooter) at school and county level. Yet, although I still run and work out regularly, the intensity of Learnington's Tuesday night practice session was a shock.

Netball's old St Trinian's image of shricking, gymslipped schoolgirls looping a ball around dingy playgrounds has changed dramat-ically over the past decade. This is mainly because of greater media coverage and recognition that netball can be a thrilling spectator sport rathor rebellious to play hockey.

profile came during the recent international series between England and Jamaica, when **BBC** Sport screened the match Grandstand along with gen-



erous highlights of the other tour games. Patricia "Cricket" MacDonald, the Jamaica shooter, a oft 4in professional baskethall player, emerged as the star, dwarfing the rest of the lanky ectomorphs who dominate the shooting circles

As a result of such recognition, increasing numbers of players are making the transi-tion from school netball— played to at least basic level by virtually every teenage girl in the state and independent sectors - to the club game, from which the county and international players are drawn. The Learnington club, where I had my refresher course, is among the most successful in the Midlands and reflects the present boom in the sport, fielding five senior and three junior teams

trials each summer. These teams, which compete each weekend in highly competitive county league matches, boast several Warwickshire senior and junior players, including three of the club's top shooters — Victoria Smith, my 17-year-old cousin, plus the first-team partnership of Kelly New, a statuserus circuster and Julio statuesque six-footer, and Julie Scanlon (Sit Sin), who makes up for her lack of inches with gazelle-like leaps and an almost telepathic rapport with

New in the circle.

Once I joined in the first-team practice match against the seconds, as goal defence, the gulf. in. pace between schoolgiri and club nerball hit me nearly as hard as my first collision with my opponent — Kate Stenger, the goal attack. Hepburn. As I tried to shut her out of the game by close marking, I rediscovered the old frustration of needing eyes in the back of my head. The moment I turned to face her, I could no longer tell where the next pass was coming from, and, as soon as I turned to watch the progress of the game, she dodged, feinted and sprinted into a space to receive the ball and pop in the seemingly inevitable goal.



High energy: the action on court is fast and furious

of hopefuls who attend the the opposing wing attack trials each summer. These detailed to feed the ball into the shooters simply rolled it rapidly along the ground just wide of my churching fingers, a useful ploy against someone like me, a whisker under 6ft.

> marking Stenger less closely to encourage her team-mates to pass to her so that I could sprint into position and inter-cept. After three vain attempts, I struck lucky, just managing to control a loose pass with my fingertips to the unflattering amazement of my team-mates. Pumped up with adrenalin, I immediately gave away the advantage with an over-ambitious high pass that cleared our leaping wing by inches.

fter a string of lightpoised to shoot. Desperate to make amends, I stood fractionally closer than the prescribed three feet as I tried to block her shot and was duly penalised, forced to stand beside her as she flicked in yet another goal with blase ease. Luckily, our shooters were also on form, launching the ball so immaculately from the

edge of the circle that it often dropped through the ring without touching the sides. As

we changed ends, Julie Scanlon, the Warwickshire goal attack, a civil servant who processes claims for income support, joked about her dedication to the sport.

"in my work, I deal with all sorts — glue sniffers, drug addicts, alcoholics, you name it, so coming down here is like a holiday," she said. "It is a great release because you cannot think of anything else during a match and we all have a good laugh, too. because it is such a friendly club. I train several nights a week and also work out in the gym to make sure that I am as fit as I can be. The husbands and boyfriends? They soon ise that this takes priority and a lot now come and support because, once they see some good netball, they realise it's a real scrap and not a game doing on Saturday?"



On the ball: Victoria Smith, shooter, and Julie Scanlon, goal attack, the Warwickshire players, during a practice session

HEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Christian Mari, a member of the France team that won the 1996 Olympiad, was one of the most impressive players at the 1997 Macallan pairs. He and Omar Sharif finished fifth. Study

Mari's defence on the hand below. East-West game **#**97 VKQJ654 ±105 **VA10973** +0954 .KJB6 eAKB43 *A72 4K8842

This was the auction with Meckstroth South and Rodwell North. The INT response on the Meckwell system can be quite strong. South's bidding demonstrated a reasonable hand with fivefive in the black suits. Omar Sharif (West) led the six of diamonds, and Mari's queen was allowed to hold the trick. How should East defend?

This was Mari's reasoning: as declarer has ducked the first diamond, he presumably has Axx in diamonds. The danger if East defends passively is that declarer can take a diamond ruff, draw trumps

and establish clubs. As the cards lie, that would have involved a good guess in clubs, but, if South had had clubs headed by K.J. it would have been routine.

Man saw that the only way to prevent this was to attack declarer's trump length; so he returned a heart. What was South to do? If he ruffed, he would be out of control, so he discarded. Now, when the spades did not break, he had

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



SPEKBOOM a. A sonic boom b. A shrub c. A square sail

SUG a. A police informer b. To hint c. A trout louse

a. Cheeky, saucy b. Abundance c. A Viking skull-cup SWIMMERET a. A swimming appendage b. An Esther Williams nymphet c. A monokini



BY RAYMOND KRENE CHEES CORRESPONDENT

Chess and art

Nine member countries of the EU officially consider chess a sport. The Germans even have a formal technical term for it. Denksport. which translates as "mind sport". However, others have regarded Bill Jacklin, Paul Klee, Kandinsky. Juan Gris, Max Ernst and Esche have all used chess motils in their artworks. Among contemporary artises, Barry Martin, a former vice-president of the Chelsea Arts Chub, and Lorraine Gill have experimented with chess ideas.
Without a doubt, though, the greatest chess player among artists was Marcel Duchamp, who not only painted pictures of chessplayers but also achieved master strength in the game and represented France on board two (behind Alekhine) in the chess Olympiads. The following game gives an idea of his playing strength.

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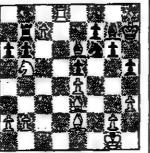
New exhibition

Lorraine Gill's new exhibition, featuring chess and mind sports motifs, will be held on February 15 from 2pm to 5pm at Court Gar-dens Leisure Complex, Pound Lane, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Pribyl - Babula, Larne Bohd, 1994. White has placed all his hopes on his passed pawn on c7. However, if he now has to retreat his attacked knight from b5, he may just lose this pawn for nothing. How can he do better?



THE RULES

TWO teams of seven players with set positions and different areas of operation battle it out on a rectangular court divided into thirds and with a semi-circular shooting circle at each end. Most senior games are played over four quaiters

of 15 minutes each. The game starts with a pass from the centre circle by the centre of the team that has won the toss. From then on the centre passes (after each goal scored) are taken alternately. The ball is passed up the court into the attacking team's circle where the shooter or players allowed to score, try to shoot into the

10ft-high ring. The opposing team's players try to intercept the ball or force an error from their opponents that, will give them possession.

Players are permitted only one step after catching the ball. Unlike basketball, they cannot "dribble" it down the court with a series of bounces, but must pass within three seconds, a rule that tends to create a fast and open game. Players must stand at least three feet away from an opponent passing the ball; anyone standing too close or inclulging in stand beside her opponent who then takes a

penalty pass.

NETBALL TODAY

- a record 27 countries took part when England hosted the ninth world championship in Birmingham last year. England finished fourth as Australia, the favourites, took the title ahead of South Africa and New Zealand. The vast majority of British schools play netball where appropriate.

NETBALL is now a

leading international sport

while in England alone, there are 4,000 clubs and 57,000 women playing regularly. Two mini-versions of

the game, First Step netball, for seven to nine-year-olds, and High Five netball, for children up to II, have been

funding should make more money available to support the elite players and ensure that netball is one of the games featured at the planned British Sports Academy. Netball was invented in the United States as basketball by a YMCA secretary in 1891, using two

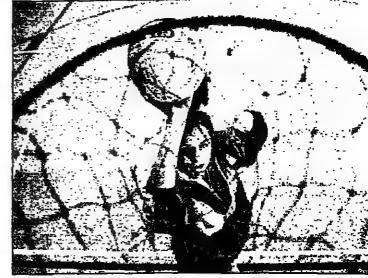
introduced to attract

youngsters, while lottery

wastepaper baskets hung on the wall as goals. By 1897 students at Madam Osterberg's PT College at Dartford had introduced rings instead of baskets, a larger ball and the division of the court into thirds. The All England Netball Association was founded in 1926.

WHAT IT COSTS

IF, like me, you have not played netball for a while but are considering taking it up again, joining a club with several teams of varying standards and a wide age range is the best way to restart. Subscriptions vary depending on the club's size and professionalism and can range from £30 to £75 a year. The typical club skirt, shirt and tracksuit could cost up to £90, while robust, well-padded trainers will add £40 to £50. Most clubs train one night a week with matches and social events at weekends, often involving some travelling. Many allow prospective members to attend a couple of sessions to see whether they enjoy the training and the atmosphere before they decide whether to join. For more information, contact the All England Netball Association, 9 Paynes Park, Hitchin, Herts, SGS IEH (tel: 01462 442344).



Good shot: Victoria Smith shows the form that keeps her noticed

Gallant Danoli leads Irish gold rush

AT LEOPARDSTOWN

DANOLI is vying for Chelten-ham Gold Cup favouritism after winning the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup here amid tumultuous scenes yesterday.

Ireland's most popular horse was accorded a hero's reception after making most of the running to defeat Jodami by 14 lengths, with Imperial Call, last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, 20 lengths away in third.

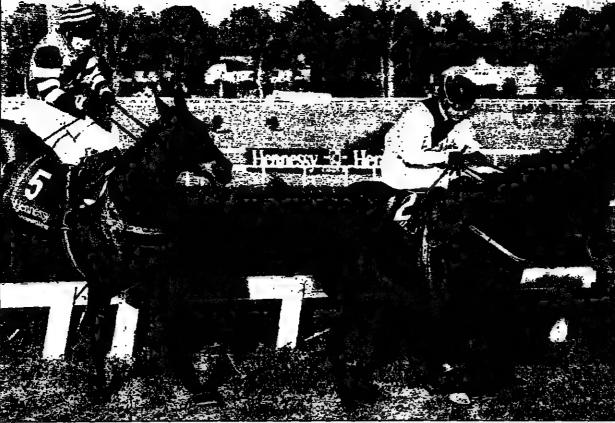
While hats were thrown high into the sky and Tom Foley, Danoli's trainer, was mobbed by well-wishers, a

BIG-RACE RESULT

3.40 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP (E59,000 3m) (No. 1), DANOLI (T Treacy, 6-1), 2, Joderni (N. Williamson, 5-1); 3, Imperiat Call (C O'Deyer, evens lav) 8 ran ALSO RAN 7 Morry Gale (4th). The Grey Monk (f), 20 Behront King (pu) 50 khots Ventura (pu), King O'l The Gales (5th) 1-4, 201. 29, det. Tota E 540 £1 80, £1 70, £1 30 DF £17,40 GSF, £22 14

sorry sight greated Jodami's supporters. The 12-year-old, winner of this race three times and ante-post favourite for this year's Martell Grand National, needed a horse am-bulance after breaking down badly inside the final 50 yards. He ruptured his off-fore tendon and will not run again

Danoli's victory, which came less than two hours after his great rival, Dorans Pride, maintained his unbeaten record over fences, served to strengthen Ireland's grip on the ante-post betting for next month's Cheltenham Gold



Danoli holds off Jodami in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Cup. The bookmakers are divided over who should be favourite. Ladbrokes and William Hill make Dorans Pride their 4-1 market leader, while Coral and the Tote prefer

Danoli as favourite. After falling twice over fences this season, Danoli's connections decided on an attacking policy yesterday. On the first circuit he vied for the

lead with The Grey Monk and Merry Gale, and relished the opportunity to be at the head of affairs

His only mistake came eight fences from home, but he recovered quickly, and with The Grey Monk falling two fences later, it was imperial Call who moved up to challenge four fences from home. The Cheltenham Gold Cup

winner appeared to be travelling best of all, but lack of a recent run took its toll turning for home and it was left to Jodami to chase Danoli to the final obstacle.

"I thought Jodami might have the determination and experience to battle it out, but nobody should ever underestimate Danoli," Foley said. "There's a 99 per cent chance horse." Imperial Call is likely to meet Dorans Pride, who gave a polished display of jumping to beat See More Business in the Scalp Novices' Chase. The former winner of the Stayers' Hurdle has enjoyed an uninterrupted campaign, unlike many of his rivals, and looks over-priced at 7-1 with Coral.

Tom Doran, who bought Dorans Pride as a four-yearold, said: "From the first day when I saw him win a pointto-point at Cashel I knew fences were his game and anything over hurdles was a bonus. The main thing is to keep him sound.

Nap: WHIP HAND (4.20 Newcastle) Next best: Rose King (4.10 Fontwell Park)

him when he had colic and needed two operations inside 24 hours. Maybe he was allowed to live for better

things."
Although Doran holds a 33-1 ante-post voucher and admits the Cheltenham Gold Cup is everybody's dream, he insists the horse will not run if the dry weather continues and the ground is fast for the Festival. "Missing out on a few hundred pounds in prizemoney doesn't matter," said. "I was offered £250,000 to sell him earlier in the season, but I said if it was a million pounds he was not for

Istabraq makes hard work of landing odds

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

fight hard for a head victory over Finnegan's Hollow, his Deloitte and Touche Novices' Hurdle at Leopardstown yesterday. The runner-up had been comprehensively beaten by I'm Supposin, the Champion Hurdle candidate, at Naas nine days earlier and William Hill reacted to the result by shortening the latter to 7-1 from 8-1.

Finnegan's Hollow made sure Istabraq, who started at 11-4 on, was put to his best and the result did little to underline the favourite's Champion Hurdle claims. Aidan O'Brien, the trainer

of the first two, said that the Royal SunAlliance Novices Hurdle was now a more likely target for Istabraq, a threeparts brother to Secreto, while Finnegan's Hollow has booked his place in the Citroen Supreme Novices

"I couldn't be disappointed. Istabraq stepped through the second last, was lucky to stand up and is a type only to do just enough anyway,"

O'Brien said. The Irish champion trainer added that Istabrag and Finnegan's Hollow are unlikely to run again before Cheltenham and he will discuss their respective options with Charlie Swan, the stable jockey, and the owner, JP

Toast The Spreece will be

ISTABRAQ, the top Irish another representative of novice hurdler, was made to O'Brien at Cheltenham after making it four out of four over jumps in the Stepaside Handicap Hurdle. After an easy success, O'Brien also nominated this one for the Supreme Novices' but the Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle is another option, depending on the weight allotted

SP

The newcomer, Commanche Court, emerged from a clouded juvenile picture as the best Irish hope for the Elite Racing Club Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham with a muooth success.

Trained by the Irish television personality, Ted Walsh, Commanche Court, winner of the Austrian Derby last year when trained in France, beat Hard News by general 141 shot for the juventwo lengths to become a

"I dearly hope he'll be able to line up for the Triumph. but when you see horses in the past like See You Then and Monksfield being beaten in the race, it is crazy to be confident," Walsh said. "He looks the best of ours and seems to have transferred the class he possessed on the Flat to hurdling.

"I was surprised he jumped well as he did, but he looks like he would like a dig in the ground at Cheltenham. We will run him again at Punchestown in two weeks

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3.50 GOSFORTH DECORATING AND BUILDING SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,420: 3m) (9 namers)

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FORM FOCUS

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4.20 NORTHERN RACING NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2.369; 2m) (21 numers)

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1996, TOM BRODE 6-11-13 P Catery (6-4) H Jehrsen 18 can

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W Bethell
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J. Jefferson
Mr. M. Reveley
G. Richards
M. W. Easterby
P. Cheesbrough
J. Fetzgerakt

FORM FOCUS

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NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS TRAINERS **JOCKEYS**

Emotions run high as Wild Illusion triumphs

and if he wins we might stay

on for another week. I am

thrilled for Tommy Treacy

and the horse. There were so

many people knocking us." Fergie Sutherland, trainer

of Imperial Call said: "He just

got tired. He has got a tiny cut

on his hind leg, but I will

at Gowran Park in two weeks'

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

TELEVISION cameras went to Larkhill and covered the sport for the first time on Saturday, but events at the Oxford University fixture at Kingston Blownt lacked nothing in drama.

First Run For Free, a former Welsh and Scottish National winner, tackled the opening confined race but got tired and was pulled up sound with four fences to jump as Broad Steame won impressively.
Then Wild Illusion became

the winner which all impartial followers of the sport had hoped for in the men's open. His two owners, Graham Pidgeon and Arthur Clerke-Brown, died within a week of each other at Christmas. Wild Illusion was their best horse and Clerke-Brown owned the land on which the Kingston Blount course is based.

Those who preferred to watch point-to-pointing on television courtesy of the Racing Channel's live coverage of the New Forest meeting saw Polly Curling ride her 100th winner for Richard Barber, Joe Tizzard break a collarbone, and a win for See More Business's previously unraced half-brother, Mister One. The downside, and how ironic for the sport on this

auspicious occasion, was the death of three horses.

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SATURDAYE RESILATS: THURLOW (Horseheath) Open Midn: 1, Lord Knox IF GB 6-1f, 2, Andy Gaves 3, View Point 8 ran Continued: 1, Piver Melotty IT Misons, 5-4 tayl; 2, Hosses: 3, Youcal, 5 ran. Men's Open: 1 The Antul Rescal (N Bloom, 11-10 fee), 2, Armay Med, 3, Armay Med, James Hoss A Enthinoso, 7-4, 2, St Gregory, 3, Engee-H 7 ran. Rest 1, Spertans Compuset IC Ward, 2-1f; 2, Colonel Nerson; 3, Golden Fellow 10 can Hunt, 1, Glenbricken (K Williams, 6-1), 2, Buckshot; 3, Linger Hill, 7 ran.

1), 2, Buckshot 3, Linger Hill, 7 ran.
COFORD URBY HUNT CUIB (Ringston Blourit, Confined: 1, Broad Steam (A. Sansonne, 9-4 fav); 2, Bishops Island: 3, Grosen Lerk: 15 ran, Land Rover Open: 1, Wid fluston (R. Laedier, 4-5 fay); 2, Kingolnobles; 3, Hackett's Farm 13 ran. Landler: 1, Blue Cheek (Miss C Speering, 3-1); 2, Lany The Lamb; 3, Lake Micsion, 13 ran Hunt: 1, Wismor Bard (M Postmar, 2-1); 2, Espy; 3, Hill Island: 5 rin Reet: 1, Ajs Boy (A Hill 2-1 faw); 2, Ravensdale Lad, 3, Orphan Olly 16 ran. Mon. 1, Duke Distriction of the Steam (M Postmar, 2, Mrs. Morpot: 3, Full Scone, 17 ren.

Morper: 3, Full Score. 17 ren.

NEW FOREST (Lashhil): Confined 1.
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3, Roaming Stradow 6 ran Open Midn 1: 1.
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orily 2 finished. 5 ran Open Midn 12: 1.
Chasing Dassy (Mics A Goschen, 25-1); 2,
Marginal Margier; 3, Rustr Customer 13 ran.
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11-10 favi; 2, Brackenfield; 3, Teatrador 7
ran. Open Midn III: 1, Juniper Lodge (S.
Buch, 10-1); 2, Highway Lad; 3, Abit More
Business 10 ran. Open Midn IV: 1, Mister
One (I Michrell, 4-6 ray), 2, Jack Sun; 3,
Lazzaretto 9 ran Rest; 1, Pines Express
(Miss S Victory, 2-1 lavi; 2, Geod Locking
Gur; 3, Nobbullust; 14 ran PPORA: 1,
Deset Welz (Miss P Curling, 8-15 lavi), 2,
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Srughed alone 4 ran. Men's Open 1,
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Glentom, 5 ran. Ladies, 1, Larky McIlmon,
6 St. Blackford, 4-11), 2 Michaeler, 3,
Lucky Oe Son, 5 ran. Rest 1, Mountan
Masser (Mas L Blackford, 4-11), 2 Hopeful
Drummer, 3, Gypsy Luck 10 ran Confired:
7, Just Borr (Dissess Sy Young, Evens Lany, 2,
Departure, 3 Chrowestheight, 4 ran. Intermediater, 1, Batchy Chance, (2 Young, 2-1);
2, Tangle Bach, 3, Big Sesmus, 4 ran.
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1, 2, Rose's Lady Day, 3, Comish
Twosway, 3 ran. Open Midn It; 1, Gypsy
Geny (L Jofford, 3-1; Plany, 2, Brook A Light;
3, Keep Flowing 13 ran.

OLD RABY HUNT CLUB: Postponed OLD RABY HUNT CLUB: Postponed because of host. The moving will now take place on February 15

FORTHE GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.40 PAGRAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (52,160: 2m 6f 110yd) (18 runners)

3-1 Replace, 5-1 Do Be Ware, 7-1 Kassala, Mask House, 8-1 Tay Your Facebook. Cassale, 10-1 offers. 2.10 SIDLESHAM HANDICAP CHASE

2-1 Whosens Delight, 9-4 Deer Do. 6-2 Castheconner, 10-1 Churchtono Port, 12-Serveri aure, 18-1 Red Com.

2.40 CHICHESTER MOVICES CLAMMING HURDLE

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1 214F KEEP IT ZPPED 47 (B.CD.F.B.S) 0 Sherrood 7-11-3 4-6 Vol Par Nast. 7-2 Keep it Zipped, 8-1 Withycombe Hill, 10-1 Parking, 14-1 Strokessor, 16-1 Dunie, 20-1 olius.

3.40 STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE SERIES (Qualifier: £2,301: 2m 2l 110yo (6) 1 0-14 DOMINION'S DREAM 48 (V.D.F.S.S.N. Page 5-11-10 G Supple 93 2 - 035 LESSONS LASS 44 (D.P. Lady Heritas 5-11-8 ... J Ordones 93 3 -0-55 WARTCH MY LESS 44 (D.P. Dreamphins 5-11-6 ... A Magaint 62 4 - 2-65 NEAT FEAT 53 (F) D Branch 6-11-2 ... P Notice 90 5 - 5022 MURTASHM 46 (S.D. FRINCH-NEAT 5-10-12 ... B Factors 91 6 067- FLOW BACK 327 6 Enright 5-10-0 R Johnson 91 2-) Denument's Desart, 3-1 Lessers Lass, 7-2 Heat Feel, 9-2 Watch My Lips, 6-1 Management, 25-1 Feet Seet.

4.10 BOGHOR REGIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,930: 3m 2f 110yd) (12) (22,930: 311 27 1090) (12)

1 5-3 ROSE KNG 17 (5) Mass 5 Edwards 10-12-0 ... Mr Y Hits 60: 2 43-P ROYAL SADON 53 F.G.S) P Borser 11-12-0 ... R Johnson 85-3 SIMC BLACK CRIRCH 12 (F.S) R Rowe 11-11-9 ... D O'SWINGS 83-4 SIMC BLACK CRIRCH 12 (F.S) R Rowe 11-11-9 ... D O'SWINGS 83-5 SIMC BLACK CRIRCH 12 (F.S) R Borser 11-11-5 ... C Marste 97-5 SIMC BLACK CRIRCH 12 (F.S) R Borser 11-11-9 ... D O'SWINGS 83-5 SIMC BLACK CRIRCH 12 (F.S) R Buckler 10-10-9 ... S Currier 83-5 SIMC BLACK CRIRCH 13 (F.S) R Buckler 10-10-9 ... S McGRE 90-3 -PPS RAMSOW FOUNTARI 45 (G) R Lampard 10-10-5 Mr A Krame 80-9 3-24 MASTER COMEDY 70 (B.G.D.F.S) Miss L Bower 13-10-5 R WIGHTSTON 94-10 PS33 POLICEMANS PRIDE 10 M Madgards 8-10-0 M Williamson 11 -PAP VISTORY GATE 12 (8) Mrs L Josefi 12-10-0 . D Gategler 12 OOM ALBURY GREY 61 (7) T McGavan 19-10-0 G Cross

4-1 Black Chards, 7-1 Policentees Price, Price Mitch, Master Cornedy, Icanielys. 8-1 Rose Mag, 10-1 others.

4,40 LEVY BOARD STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,214: 2m 2l) (8) 5-2 Claregary, 3-1 Gener-State, 7-2 Caldebrook, 9-2 Kingswood Impertal, 7-7 Macy, 16-1 See Minnow, 25-1 others

BLINKERIED FIRST TIME: Fontwell Park: 1.40 Carey's Cotrage, Mull House 4 IO loantelys. Newcastle: 4.20 Dark Phoenix, Siyux Warrior

THUNDERER 1.30 Ballard Lady, 2.00 TREASURE TOUCH (nap). 2.30 Golden Hedeer, 3.00 Maftun, 3.30 Domino Plyer, 4.00 Etton Ladger, 4.30 Pleasure Trick. GOING: STANDARD

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST 1.30 MACKENZIE HANDICAP (Div t: £1,944: 7f) (14 runners)

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2.00 MISSOURI MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

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3 443- MANGLS 177 K Curringfore-Front 8-0 ... C fibrings 4
6-32 TRASSIRE TOUGH 17 (8P) 6 Moore 9-0 ... D Holkerd 4
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2.30 MILE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP

10 28-0 COLERIDGE 13 (B,CD,F,G,S) J. Steeten 9-9-10 files C. Hazerstord (7) 14 files C. Hazerstord (7) 14 files C. Hazerstord (7) 14 files C. Hazerstord (7) 15 files C. Hazerstord (7) 15 files C. Hazerstord (7) 16 files C. Hazerstord (7) 17 files C. Hazerstord (7) 18 files C. Hazerstord (7) 19 files C. Hazerstord (7) 3-1 Golden Haderr, 7-2 Sudden Spin, 8-1 Peterlan, 8-1 El Migo, 10-1 Glide Path, See Bard, 14-1 Hart Long, 19-1 Server.

3.00 AMAZON HANDICAP (£2,804: 1m 30 (9) 1 - 0-55 ONEOFRIEGO JONES 21 (CG.) J Marton 5-6-10. . 5 Curter 9
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3 - 4-39 MAJERW 14 (BF-F) 5 Movin 5-9-8. . 9 Holland 5
4 - 400-4 MAJERW 14 (CD-6,5) R Relevan 6-8-10. . 5 Sandor 3
4 - 004- FIASCO 72 JM Camardo 4-8-9 . 5 Camardo 8
6 - 0-41 UNMANATRESCADANA 24 (CD-6) M Jebby 5-8-5 T Williams 2
7 1094 DOWN HIE VARD 7 (CD-6) M Chayma 4-8-4 . D R MaSchet 3
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3-13 DOMMO PLYER 24 (CD.8F.G.5) Mrs. A Sychologic 4-9-1
10 Hodgard 5
9 0-03 CERUBIE JOHN 10 J Parkes 4-9-0 ... D Hardson 2
10 -850 CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 5 (B.C.D.S) K Cunstription 8-rows 6-9-0

4.00 RIG GRANDE SELLING STAKES 1 2190 ELTON LEDGER 7 (V.CD.F.B) Mrs. N Macaulay 8-9-13

2 0111 SENSE OF PRIORITY 7 (CD.F.6) D Nichols 8-9-13
3 2-62 MYTTONS MISTAKE 7 (F) A Balloy 4-9-9. D Warth 5
4 000- TARGELD 86 (F.S.) D Chapman 84-9. C Charock 6
5 000- WAVERLEY STAR 154 (B.C.D.F.G.S.) J Warmfight 12-9-9
6 0-0 NANTGARW 17 D Burchell 4-9-4. K Stack (7) 7
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7-2 Arsta's Contessa, 5-1 Shaetil, 7-1 Pleasure Trick, 8-1 Flata, 10-1 Live Project, Registro. Rossale Lodge, 12-1 others.

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FOOTBALL

Bolton and Lancing to prolong rivalry

By JOHN GOODBODY

ONE perennial rivalry in football is between North and South. It is therefore appropriate that Bolton and Lancing will meet in the final of the Boodle and Dunthorne Cup.

There is little doubt how much this competition, now in its fifth season, provides a focus of interest and stimulus for improvement at independent schools, just as the Ar-thur Dunn Cup has done for their old boys' teams since 1902. What is surprising, in retrospect, is that the schools' tournament was not conceived

The desire for victory fuelled the tension of the semi-finals, in which Bolton won 3-2 away to Manchester GS, their local rivals, while Lancing College beat King's, Chester 2-1.

Simon Rees, the PE director at Boiton, said: "For many boys, this competition is the pinnacle of their school sports careers, possibly of their entire sports careers." Adult teams often have the chance of future competitions together. However, schoolboys usually have only a season to grasp the heady excitement of success before leaving for employment or university.

The tautness of the occasion was evident at Lancing last week, with hundreds of spectators clustered round the Grubber Stand to watch the game being played on Upper Field, in front of one of the most picturesque backdrops in school sport. The chapel is on one side and the South Downs on the other.

Despite the tension, both teams displayed a control that was as welcome as their sustained commitment. The result was particularly frus-trating for King's. They could have had three goals before half-time, but were frustrated by ill-luck, stout defending and wayward shooting.

Lancing scored in the sixteenth minute when Gareth Allen's long corner was headed back across goal by Domi-nic Wiltshire for Steve Bird to nod home. In the second half. the flow was more even. Matt Russell, who scored 26 goals last term, got Lancing's sec-ond, in the 72nd minute, before Damian Testi was fouled in the penalty area. Testi converted the kick

himself. Kevin Fear, joint master-in-charge of football at King's, who won the cup in 1994, said: Their second goal really



killed us off. Lancing were good at closing down our usual passing game and tend-ed to knock the ball forward quite quickly."

Ken Shearwood, a member of the celebrated 1950s Pegasus team, said that he considers the present team as good as any that he has seen in his 46-year association with Lancing as master, registrar and now speciator. "Over the years the standard has got better," he said. "The skills have improved and the boys think about the game more.

Unlike King's, Lancing do not usually practise football this term, playing hockey, rugby and other sports. However, their progress in this competition is causing a rethink, with matches being hastily arranged before the semi-final and final.

They had two matches after Christmas to prepare for the semi-final. Chris Metcalf, the coach, will now be trying to raise their level of match fitness. They hope to have practice games under floodlights to become accustomed to the conditions in the final. They will need all the preparation that they can get.

Bolton have a younger team. Their talented back three, including Craig Jolley, who attends the Manchester United School of Excellence, are all in the fifth form. In goal is Richard Sellers, who has represented the Independent

They also have the necessary resilience. Rees said: "Against Manchester we went behind, but heads did not go down and they raised their game." Dan Barrett, Christian Waith and Richard Thompson scored for Bolton, Neil Evans and Dan Stanton for

Manchester Three of the four previous finals have been won by northern sides. Bird, who scored Lancing's first goal. said: "We have got to show the North that the South can play



Lancing College put pressure on the King's, Chester goal during their close-fought semi-final in the Boodle and Dunthorne Cup

Junior lessons that have lasted a lifetime

QUESTION: Would Tiger Woods be the force he is now if he had not bad a real grounding in junior golf?

Woods's play has blos-somed so quickly now that he is a professional because he acquired such a breadth of competitive experience while

competing in junior golf.
Woods, though, is only one example of the importance of nurroring young players. Many of those who competed in the 1995 Ryder Cup began to develop their outstanding ability in organised tuition and competition given to inem in men teens. Any attempt to bring more young players into the game is admirable.

I confess a vested interest in the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour, newly launched in association with The Times. Many years ago I played junior golf in Gloucestershire and Wales, competition that existed thanks to the efforts

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, on the need to preserve the essence of the game by providing a framework for the young

of men such as Bob Griffiths, at Stinchcombe Hill, Leslie Cox, from Bristol, who ran junior golf in the county, and many Weishmen, of whom the most notable was Ivor Nicholls, the son of Gwyn, the famous rugby player. But for these and other kind men, John Bloxham, from Cots-wold Hills, might not have have gone on to play for England, Richard Abbott, from Bristol, might not have juniors who went on to captain the Gloucestershire senior side, and Jeff Toye, who is now a Walker Cup selector, would not have reached the final of the Welsh senior championship

when he was still 17. I was not in the same class as these men, but I did play in occasional senior matches



for Stinchcombe Hill. I can still remember the pleasure after competing against, say, Minchinhampton, of going in for a tea of boiled eggs and brown bread and afterwards taking three clubs and playing cross-country golf from the 1st to the 3rd green and back to the 18th. This was

how you learnt to judge distance in the days before there were yardage charts. At the same time you were teaching yourself to play half shots — a run-up with a threeiron, for example.

l was good enough to play regularly with my father and his friends and I learnt a lot about golf from them. I learnt, for example, how to watch my ball, marking it in the mind's eye the moment taught me the enjoyment of foursomes golf and, if we did play a four-ball, how and when to pick up my ball when I was out of a hole. I was not a club-thrower or a swearer and if I had been they would have banged it out of me in no time.

I learnt to leave my bag on the side of the green nearest

when attending the flag so that my shadow merged with the flag's, never to linger on a een while marking a card

but to do it on the next tee.

You quickly realised how and when to let the players behind through. Wee betide me if I was not ready to play when it was my turn or if I did not rake a bunker properly.

Thus I strongly approve of junior golf even though, sadly, there are still golf clubs where juniors have to be seen

and not heard - and sometimes not even seen. Their aged. They should be taught the etiquette of the game and its traditions, the difference between a links and a parkland course, the importance of seaside golf and fastrunning greens. They should stilled into them for one reason and that is that they are the lifeblood of the game.

NETBALL

NUGH ROUTLEDGE

Murtagh anchors new-look **England**

By a Correspondent

AFTER their convincing victory over Wales in Cardiff last month. England are now eagerly looking forward to another international, against Ireland, on Saturday.

Harlow Sports Centre will provide the stage for an experimental England line-up as the selectors examine all available options before the tour to South Africa in the spring.

Accordingly, several senior players who featured in a strong side against Wales are rested, dictating promotion from the under-21s for others such as Tracey Neville, Even Liz Broomhead, the coach, is given a rare day off, her role being temporarily assumed by

Mary Beardwood. Indeed, the only player in the England line-up to have experienced playing against South Africa and Irene van Dyke, their formidable oft 3in goalshooter, during the 1995 world championship in Birmingham, is Fiona Murtagh. the England captain and centre. Ireland, however, should offer slightly less

resistance than South Africa. Murtagh must expect some teasing in the aftermath of an appearance on BBC Television's A Question of Sport on Friday night. Few women could fail to appreciate an evening with those charmers, John Barnes and Ally McCoist, yet others remain cynical as to netball's spectafor appeal. Attempting to rectify this, Betty Galsworthy, the chairwoman of the All Eng-land Netball Association, is aiming to make netball more

fluent than at present. "After the 1995 world championships it was agreed that there were too many stoppages and the umpires were too high-profile," Galsworthy said. "Many people are happy with things, but we want a spectator game that is interest-ing to both play and watch. If the game is more interesting. it will be more attractive to sponsors and television."

Accordingly, at an international netball conference to be held in Barbados this sum-mer, England delegates will propose that goalshooters and goalkeepers be allowed to enter the presently forbidden centre third of the court. As Galsworthy said: "This will be very popular with schoolgirls, in these positions because the feel too restricted. It would allow them to be more involved. At elite level it would make the game more tactical and reduce the dominance of the often-tail goalshooter." ENGLAND (v. Ireland. Saturday) F Munach, M. Buck, A. Miller, T. Neville, N. Siddall, C. Cidileld. V. Drus, C. Weaver, ... Mann, K. Aspinal

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1.15 (2m 31 110yd ch) 1, Bells Life (G Tormey, 7.2 fav); 2, Seek The Fash (14-1); 3, Marthers Mirror (11-2), 11 fav. 7, 3, P Hobbs Tote: 64-40; 51.90, 53.20, 51.90, DF; 53.30 Trio: 563.60, CSF 545.16 Tricast; 5241.41

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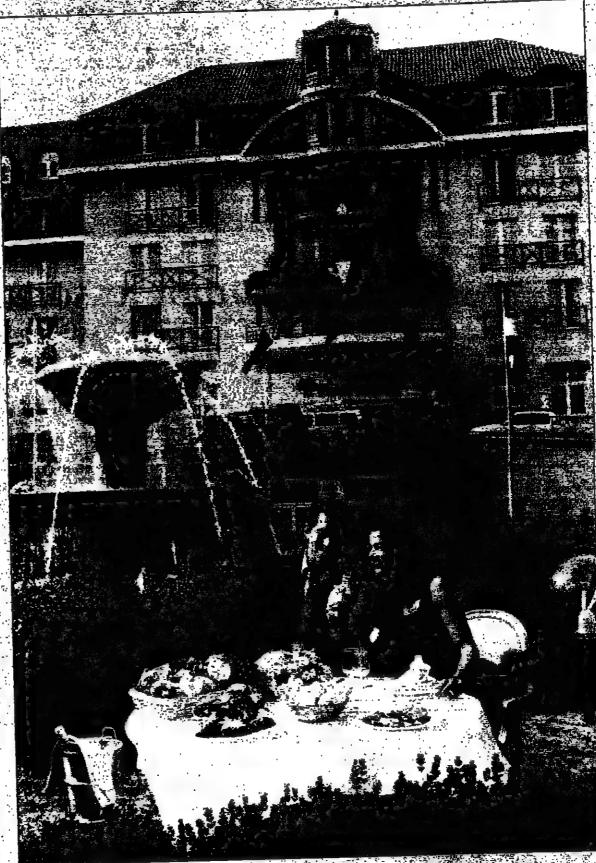
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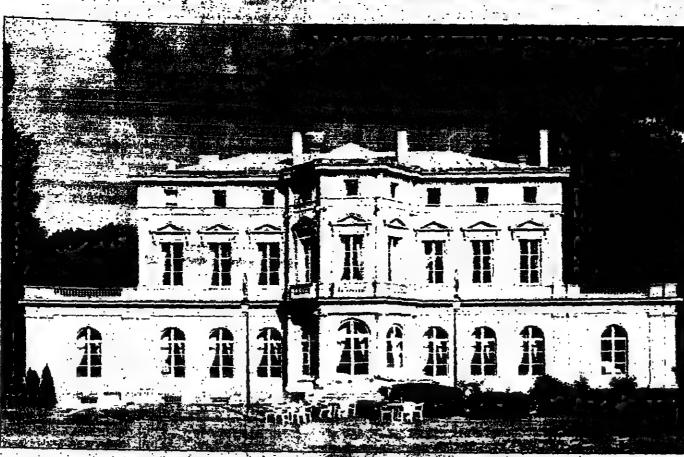
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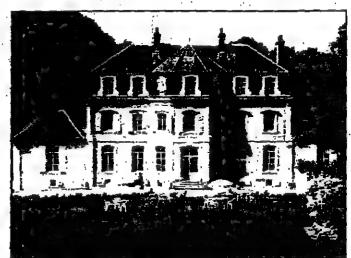
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TOMORROW

Interims: Games Workshop, Stoves. Finals: Gartmore Stoves. Finals: Gartmore British Income, St Andrews Trust. Economic statistics: UK Halifax house price index (January), UK housing starts and completions (December), UK CBI regional trends survey (January), World Economic Forum in Davos, Federal Open Market Committee nomic Forum in Davos, Federal Open Market Committee meeting, US Treasury announces size of short-term T-bills, API weekly oil supply statistics, President Clinton delivers State of the Union

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Betacom, British Sky Broadcasting, Finals: Eurocamp, Gardiner Group, Shoprite Group, Economic statistics: UK monthly monetary policy meeting, Federal Open Market Committee meeting. US factory orders (December).

THURSDAY

Interims: British Telecom (Q3), Westminster Healthcare, Continental Assets, SKF. Finals: ICI, Crest Nicholson. Economic statis-tics: UK industrial manufacturing output (December), UK SMMT new car registrations (January), Sank of France T-bond auction, US weekly jobless claims.

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Industrial giant reaches low point

ICI: Fourth-quarter results from Imperial Chemical Industries, the industrial conglomerate, on Thursday are expected to make fairly bleak reading and mark a low point in the group's trading cycle. According to NatWest Securities, pre-tax profits are set to fall 45 per cent from £193 million to £107 million. That gives an overall figure for the year of £605 million, compared with £951 mil-

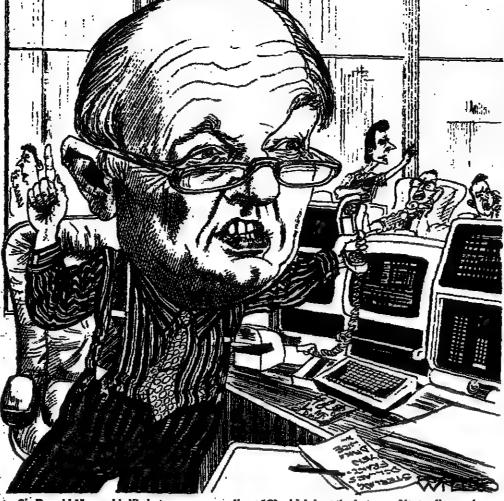
lion for the previous year. The results will reflect a further deterioration for its materials division with acrylics, polyester film and polyurethanes all hit by rising costs and fluctuating exchange rates. Its performance will be significantly down on the third quarter.

The explosives division has suffered another difficult quarter with little benefit, as yet, percolat-ing through from its restructuring programme. However, there is likely to have been a small improvement on the previous quarter in ICI's industrial division. Volume increases in several areas may have been offset by a further softening in the price of ntanium dioxide, which has now slipped 20 per cent in the past

The paint division may have overcome sessonal weakness in the final quarter to record an encouraging result helped by a solid contribution from Bunge, lower costs and restructuring benefits. In spite of the downturn, brokers are pinning their hopes on a 7 per cent rise in the annual dividend to 32p.

BRITISH TELECOM: An encouraging rise in revenue of about 5 per cent to £3.8 billion will feature when the group unveils its third-quarter figures on Thursday. But this may be, offset partly by an increase of almost 6 per cent in operating costs as BT continues to invest heavily in new areas both at home and overseas.

Pre-tax profits are likely to be £885 million compared with £829 million for the corresponding period, while operating profits grow 4 per cent to £970 million as the redundancy charge drops from £60 million to . £40 million. Earnings per share



Sir Ronald Hampel is likely to announce a dip at ICl which is at the bottom of its trading cycle

are expected to increase 5 per cent from 8.7p to 9.1p.

Inland call volumes grew by 5 per cent in the year to September 1995, and by a further 7 per cent in the following year. Growth of 10 per cent was recorded in thesecond quarter with a further rise of 8 per cent envisaged in the Analysts say the growth re-

flects a revival in economic activity, good marketing and new Brokers have pencilled in total profits of £3.1 billion for the full

BRITISH SKY BROADCAST-ING: Last week the group linked with Granada Television and Carlton Television to make a joint bid for the right to launch digital terrestrial television in Britain.

On Wednesday, BSkyB which is 40 per cent owned by News International, the subsidiary of The News Corporation that owns The Times - unveils half-year figures expected to show a sharp rise in both income and profits.

At the pre-tax level UBS, the broker, is booking for £116 million, up 9 per cent, while NatWest

Securities has pencilled in £150.5 million, before the cost of the DFI investment in Germany, which has so far failed to live up to expectations. That compares with £106,3 million for the corres-

ponding period. Revenues are expected to have soured by 25 per cent to £580 million with subscriber numbers up sharply with the help of a major marketing programme by electrical retailers in the final quarter of 1996. But the rising cost of making programmes will have exerted pressure on operating margins which are thought to the second half of 1996 to 29.7 pcr

NatWest says earnings will have increased by about 40 per cent to almost 8p, while UBS is forecasting a modest increase of 9 per cent to 6.lp. Shareholders should be rewarded with a 20 per cent increase in the payout to 3p per share.

BAA GROUP: These will be the first set of figures published by the airport operator since the quinquennial review which imposed a price regime of RPI-3 per

Due to be published today, they are expected to reveal a solid performance with pre-tax profits for the first nine months up from £361 million to £392 million and earnings almost 10 per cent higher at 28.7p. A 9 per cent increase in the dividend to 4.5p per share is envisaged.

Passenger volume in the third quarter rose 4 per cent overall, with retail sales per passenger thought to be 2 per cent higher. Sales growth is likely to continue as the group's heavy refurbishment programme at various terminals reaches completion.

Meanwhile, progress is being made with the planning proposal for Terminal 5 at Heathrow. which could be completed in 2003 at a cost of £1.5 billion.

GARDINER GROUP: The secutity equipment distributor is expected to have consolidated the solid 15 per cent profit growth recorded in the first half when it unveils full-year figures on Wednesday. Pre-tax profits are likely to have grown 14 per cent overall from £3.76 million to £4.3 million with earnings showing a similar increase to 2.65p a share.

Gardiner's second-half performance is likely to have lived up to expectations in spite of a wobble during August when demand trailed off and margins fell below budget. Export business has continued to grow with solid perforfrom closed-circuit access and fire television. divisions.

A 12 per cent increase in the payout to almost ip is forecast by brokers.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

City awaits rate verdicts

CITY nerves will be jangling in the first half of this week as both the UK and US monetary committees meet to decide shortterm interest rates. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will debate with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. on Wednesday. Publication last week of minutes of their December meeting highlighted a growing gap between them over monetary policy. Mr George appears to favour a half-point rise in base rate. However, recent soft economic data and an impending election have led the markets to conclude that UK rates will not rise.

The US Federal Open Market Committee meets on Tuesday and Wednesday. Most economists expect rates to stay on hold. A decision to raise rates would cause Wall Street shares to fall heavily, with London

markets following in their wake.

Mr Clarke and Mr George will have some new monetary data. M0, the measure of narrow money supply, is expected to show a slight rise on Monday. MMS International, the forecasting group, predicts that the annual rate will rise from 7.1 per cent to 7.3 per cent. Economists will study December industrial production figures, to be published on Thursday, for signs that the rise in sterling is beginning to bite. However, MMS says that manufacturing output should still rebound after the shock fall in November. forecasting a 1 per cent increase. On Friday, the CBI distributive trades survey will provide further evidence of how

sterling's rise has hit industrial confidence. The outlook for European monetary union should become clearer on Monday when the European Commission issues a report on the accounting rules that can be applied in order to meet the 3 per cent GDP Maastricht deficit celling. Markets will be looking to see whether temporary measures such as seiling gold reserves and using privatisation receipts to reduce the deficit will be allowed.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Bay Cadbury Schweppes, Jacobs Holdings, Firth Rixson, Meyer International. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Flextech, J Saville Gordon, Wyko, JJB Sports, Chelsfield. The Observer: Buy BSkyB. Independent on Sunday; Buy Eidos: Avoid Lancia Trust: Sell Willis Corron, Yorkshire Water. Mail on Sunday: Buy Card Clear, Aor Tech International; Avoid Laporte.

Zicor Mining placing subject to AIM listing

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an minerals exploration company, hopes to be quoted on ment Market from February 11 (Graham Scarjeant writes).

Ellis & Pariners, the company's nominated broker, has arranged a placing of 4.7 million shares at 18p to raise about £850,000, conditional on the quotation. Grant nominated adviser. Part of

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ZICOR MINING, a Canadi- the proceeds may be used to buy a business trading in ore and concentrates. Zicor also wants to develop the nonoperative Van Stone zinc mine, which is not economic

at current zinc prices.

Zicoc, whose president and chief executive is Anthony Rhatigan, is currently quoted on only the Vancouver stock exchange. It is thought to be pany to be admitted to AIM.

GILT-EDGED

Demand for stocks is likely to increase just as the supply falls

The January data were truly astonishing. You would have to go back many years to find a month when every major economic statistic was so far adrift from expectations. As the data were weaker than expected, the boom hype" that gathered such momentum in the second

half of 1996 seemed to evaporate in a fortnight. This was only one month's data, but the hype was justifiably dispelled. The market had priced in more buoyancy than existed in reality. The economy never was as strong as many seemed to believe the latest figures for gross domestic product show growth of just 212 per cent and inflation is

212 per cent after the oilinspired blip. Expectations for interest rate increases by the summer. as expressed in markets, have fallen by some 40 basis points since the start of the year in response to the data. The weakness of the latest data creates such a degree of uncertainty about the pace of economic expansion that any policy change would be unwise, "Wait and see" is a policy

now trending down towards

stance even more suited to interest rates than to EMU! The Governor of the Bank of England will surely moderate his enthusiasm for higher rates at this week's monetary meeting. He must accept that

the tone of his recently pub-lished comments at the December meeting were wide of the mark, given the evidence from the Christmas shopping period and the weakness in the

rest of the data. The Bank will also attend the meeting in the full knowledge that the extra strength of sterling since the last quarterly inflation report will be reflected in lower forecasts in the next report, to be published only a week later.

Rates should be left on hold February. and the Chancellor will sureconclusion. Expectations of rises could be moderated further after the "no move"

news and the inflation report, but the real scope for performance lies in the gilt market. Prices of gilt-edged stocks

have rallied in the past month on the back of the weak data. but still have further to go. Pricing in a more realistic with lower growth, is part of the story, but the impetus for the price action will probably come from supply and de-mand news that will unfold in the weeks ahead.

The usual post-auction relief

realisation that the Govern-ment could end this financial year a little ahead on its funding. The volatility of the March PSBR figure makes the arithmetic precarious, but the

chance of overfunding is greater than of underfunding. The really good news will be in the funding remit for the year starting in April, to be released next month. Market players will meet the Bank of England over the next few weeks to dis-

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um and longdated maturity should peform well. I expect to see the planned issuance of conventional gilts fall, with more index-linked bonds and floating rate notes being issued in their place.

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Modifications to the guidelines will be driven by the desire to save money. Governments can switch between alternative methods of financing, just as individuals and companies do, and it makes sense for the UK Government to do so now. There is also a chance that the Government nominated in foreign curren-cies to finance the deficit. It certainly ought to.

The market impact could be dramatic. At the extreme, the issuance of medium and longdated gilts could fall in the coming financial year, from about £22 billion under the current rule to no more than £12 billion to £15 billion.

Even under normal circumstances this would force down yields, but the trend will be enhanced by two already es-tablished gilt-positive flows: the increase in the investor base from opening up and simplifying the gilt market, and the steady but continuing reweighting of UK pension funds from equities to bonds.

There will be a new and important impetus from an influx of cash from Japanese funds, which need to boost the vield on their investments, and from European fund managers who fear losing profits made from the convergence of rates in 1996. Add the growing belief among traditional inves-tors in the UK's policy framework and the prospect of low inflation, and there is a recipe for a healthy increase in demand — just as supply is expected to fall.

It is a dangerous time to be short of gilts.

> SIMON BRISCOE Nikko Europe

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Racal seeks partner for telecoms drive

RACAL, the defence electronics and communications group, yesterday confirmed that it was seeking a partner to help to expand its new telecoms business (Eric Reguly

Racal wants to sell about half of the business, known as Racal Network Services, to a big telecoms group in ex-change for cash and the opportunity to develop an inter-

national presence. A spokes-

man for Racal would not comment on reports that it had heid discussions with GTE, the American local telephone company, which wants to enter the European market.

Racal Network Services hasturnover of about £300 million. a year and has been awarded an overseas licence by the Government, its largest division is British Rail Telecommunications, bought by Racal for £133 million in 1995.



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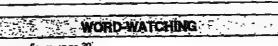
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Answers from page 39 **SPEKBOOM**

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(c) A species of fish-louse parasitic on the trout. Walton, Angler, 1653: "Many of them [sc. trout] have sticking to them Sugs or Trout lice, which is a kind of a worm, in shape like a Clove or a Pin with a big head."

(a) An abdominal limb or appendage of a crustacean, adapted for swimming. A swimming-foot or picopod. An adaption of swimmer. Hunley, Crayfish, 1880: "Attached to the sternal side of every ring of the abdomen of the female there is a pair of limbs, called swimmerets." SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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ANTIE, the troubled data communications company for-merly known as Cray Elec-tronics, is being challenged to justify the proposed sale of a business with a £20 million turnover to Cray's former chairman for El.

Craywatch, a small share-holder group, thinks that terms of the sale of Case Technology UK are too gener-ous to Roger Holland, the group's chairman until it ran into serious problems in 1995. Even after the sale, which is to be approved by Anite's shareholders on Friday. Anite will provide premises rent free and 64 million of working capital. Anite will face another

challenge at an industrial tribunal in London today when Ray Piggott, the sacked chief executive of Cray Communications, demands back the job from which he was dismissed in December 1994. Case Technology makes net-

work communications devices, and was part of the group's communications division. Sales, which had averaged about £40 million, have halved, and the business is making big losses. However, Case has net assets of £15.5 million and Anite's sale contract acknowledges the possib-ility of a revitalised business

being sold for E8 million. Anite is also selling Case Technology Denmark to Intel. the computer chip group, for about £45 million. The Case Technology UK sale is conditional on the Denmark deal.

Tony Scutt, of Craywatch, said: "The UK deal seems to

land." Mr Holland is to work with Case's existing directors. Mr Scutt said: "I don't know why they can't run the company from within [Anite] without buying it out and running it under Holland. Is this the best deal for Holland rather than being a reasonable deal for shareholders?"

Until his departure after heavy losses, Mr Holland had worked closely with Jon Richards, who remains Anite chie

The industrial tribunal has asked Anite to produce documents that Mr Piggott claims are relevant to his case. Mr Piggott, a respected computer industry manager, claims that he was a scapegoat for Cray's problems. In 1995, Mr Holland accused Mr Piggott of devoting too much time to product development and failing to manage an attempted rapid expansion of Cray Communications. Cray/Anite has written off millions of pounds in worthless stock, and committed more money to deve-

loping new products.

Given Mr Piggott's seniority and his relations with Anite, reinstatement seems unlikely. The tribunal could only award him compensation of about £12,500. Mr Fairweather said that Mr Piggott may pursue his

case through the courts. Mr Scutt said the full story of why Cray Communications had lurched from £20 million of profits into enormous losses

had never been explained. Mr Richards and Anite did not respond to a request for

gle for control of Exmoor

Dual, a hapless small investment trust, unfolds today at an

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European central bank may be modelled on Fed

BY OLIVER AUGUST

THE planned European cen-tral bank, which will manage the curo, is likely to be modelled on America's Federal Reserve.

If accepted at a meeting between the German and French finance ministers this month, the plan for a Federal Reserve clone would lay to rest a Pranco-German row about political control over the ECB.

The compromise formula is believed to have been suggested by Wim Duisenberg, the Dutch central bank chief. Mr Duisenberg is a front runner for the top job at the European central bank, with only France

opposing his appointment.
The "Fed formula" would appease French central bankers and politicians who have demanded some political influence over the institution which will set interest rates in

The Federal Reserve is independent of government but accountable to the US Congress. Unlike the Bundeshank, Fed chiefs regularly

posed any political influence over the ECB, which would be located in Frankfurt. Bundesbank officials have invoked clauses in the Maastricht treaty which guarantee its independence.

Mr Duisenberg has privately proposed the Fed formula as a compromise he hopes will he acceptable to France. He is keen to win favours with the French Government ahead of Franco-German summit.

Herve de Charette, France's Foreign Minister, insisted last week that no decision had yet been taken on who will head the European central bank. But EU officials claimed that 14 out of the 15 member states support Mr Duisenberg. Speculation that Germany would agree to a French

appointment in a private deal, possibly recalling Jacques Delors, former President of the European Commission, has angered the Dutch. Hans van Mierlo, Foreign Minister, said: "It would be a scandal" It is thought this prompted Mr Duisenberg to make his

Babcock wins China contract

Babcock International has won a \$70 million petrochemical plant contract in China. The new plant, to be commissioned in 2000, will use US technology to produce chemi-cals used in making polyester.

Labour worry

One in three consumers feels that a Labour election victory might harm investment prospects in the unit trust sector, according to a survey by Gavin Anderson and Company fin-ancial consultants. Twentythree per cent expect a fall in the UK stock market over the next year, up from 10 per cent.

Esprit offer

Esprit Telecom Group, the European telecommu company, is to make a public US and international offering of 5.4 million American De-positary Shares and has app-lied for them to be quoted on Nasdaq and Easdaq.

Hearts hope

Heart of Midlothian Football Club has announced plans for a London Stock Exchange listing, with an institutional plac-ing of £5 million to £6 million of new ordinary shares.

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Power demand for gas 'set to outstrip coal' Market is poised reach a record high this week. A week of strong trading lifted the FT-SE AIM index 2.5 per

cent to 1123.30 - just 17.1

points short of the high reached last May.

Peter Ashworth, AIM analyst at Albert E Sharp, attrib-

uted the surge to the performance of Ramco, Trocadero

and Freepages, the marker's weightiest stocks. Shares of

Rames, the hydrocarbon con-

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FURTHER gloom for the coal industry will be delivered today in forecasts predicting soaring demand for gas in electricity generation.

Cambridge Econometries predictions for energy de-mands to 2010 see gas meet-ing 60 per cent of power generation's fuel requirements, compared with 20 per cent now and I per cent in 1990. Coal is expected to fall to below 20 per cent of require-

now and 70 per cent in 1990. The report, one of the most comprehensive forecasts for the energy industry, also points to a diminishing demand outside of electricity

increased use of gas is pivotal to the UK's ability to stabilise its carbon dioxide emissions by the millennium, the research says, as is the policy of raising the rate of road fuel duty by 5 per cent

AIM poised to hit record high

on the AIM. business directory inquiry service rivals BT's Talking Pages, won two major contracts over the week. It is to spend £14 million setting up a similar service in The

Infobank, an Internetbased software catalogue service, is to join AIM val-ued at about £20 million. Its users "test-drive" software packages before ordering and complete the whole

The bull market in bio-tech stocks has attracted Bioscience Innovation Centre. It plans to raise £6 million to provide management for bio-tech firms and fuel laboratory expansion. It is expected to ioin next month.

Intelligent Environments, which sells software to develop Websites, has expanded into America with the acquisition of a Chigaco-based company for £1.62 million.

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Panther on the prowl over Exmoor



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creasingly ill-tempered strug- compared to 69 per cent for the FT-SE 100 index.

Split capital investment trusts offer income shares for investors who need an income, and capital shares and zero dividend preference shares for

Panther Securities, a propthose seeking growth.

Adding to Exmoor's many erty investment company holding 29.9 per cent of the problems was the confusion over its zero dividend prefertrust, wants to take over ence shares. Investors were attracted by a yield of 13 per cent. Last year it emerged that Exmoor Dual's management Andrew Perloff, Panther director, believes they could do a they stand to receive only 12.2 better job since the perforper cent, the result not of poor mance has been dismal. Launched in 1989 to invest in performance but a printing the split capital investment error in the original trust sector, Exmoor has

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THE latest twist in the in- just 3.3 per cent in seven years, holders will receive £2 million wind-up of the trust.

However, Peter Gray, chair man of Exmoor Dual, is fightwill turn the trust into a property fund, so stripping personequity plan (Pep) investors of their tax advantage. He believes that investors, faced with this threat, will accept any poor offer that Panther may make. So strongly does he feel about the matter that he is proposing to liquidate the

trust if supported.

Mr Perloff says that he has reserved money to pay off the than the board has mustered.

Bonus package for Energy Group directors reduced

BY JASON NISSE AND CHILISTINE BUCKLEY

PRESSURE from institutional investors has reduced the bonus package of the directors of The Energy Group, Han-son's soon to be demerged coal and electricity business. The Energy Group had pro-

posed to give directors share options and a long-term incentive plan. But after meeting eading investors it was decided this would be far too generous. As it is Derek Bonham, the executive chairnan, could be in line for a £565,000 bonus and

John Devaney, who runs Eastern, the electricity business, a £437.500 bonus in three years' time if the company meets its performance targets. Mr Daveney enjoyed a £1.3 million windfall from his share options when Hanson took over Eastem Electricity in 1995. Even the scaled-down pack-

age is more generous than many institutions believe should be offered. One leading investor said that he was unhappy with the plan on two counts - it pays out 30 per cent of the bonus if the company performs at only the average of the FT-SE 100 companies, and the scheme is for three years, not five as the institution would like. Another institution said it

agreed to the plan in spite of being unhappy with much of its content, considering it a little over-generous". Shareholders will not have a

chance to approve the plan before it is put in place. There will be no separate vote on the long-term incentive plan at the extraordinary meeting on February 24 to approve the demerger. Lazerd Brothers,

which is advising on the demerger, said this had been approved by the Stock Exchange in spite of the Exchange having required new schemes to go to a vote since The Energy Group said it

began negotiations with po-tential institutional investors several months ago to avert possible controversy. It said it set out a range of incentive plan options in these talks. A spokesman said: "During the planning stages, the management sought guidance from potential institutional

shareholders about a variety

of incentive schemes in order

to select the one which was to be the most suitable." The company has set up grammes. A short-term scheme gives up to half a director's salary each year, the longer term scheme gives up to 75 per cent, and an interim

plan gives up to 25 per cent.



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wins of Tesco considers giving its name to French chain

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Total State Control RESIDENTS of northern France may soon become as used to the sight of a Tesco superstore looming on the horizon as their British counterparts.

The company is considering renaming larger branches of its 100-strong Catteau chain of

renanting larger branches of its 100-strong Catteau chain of its 100-strong Catteau chain of French supermarkets as Tesco, according to David Reid, finance director and deputy chairman.

So far, the only fully fledged branch of Tesco in France is in Calais, where it caters for duty-saving British day-trippers.

Since September, Tesco has been selling a basic range of

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The moves towards a closer integration of Caneau suggest that, contrary to industry speculation. Tesco is unlikely to sell the French business - at least in the short term.

Several City analysts believe that Tesco ought to look for a buyer for Catteau, which it acquired in 1992 and which, in the face of stiff competition in northern France, has consistently failed to perform to expectations

One analyst commented: "This is a conflicting signal to our view that there is no point in Tesco being there." Another analyst said: "I think they will sell it, but not

for a while. It may be sold under the new management." Terry Leaby, the current deputy managing director, is set to become chief executive of Tesco from next month. Tesco finds itself in an awkward position in France because it has not joined in the widespread consolidation in the industry triggered by tightened government regulations on building new stores.

Last year, Tesco considered making a joint bid for Ducks de France, the operator of the Mammouth hypermarkets. Docks was tooking for a white knight to rescue it from a bid by Auchan. Mr Reid said that Tesco backed out because there was not enough time to put a deal together before the Auchan deal went through.

Other acquisitions by Tesco in France are considered unlikely in the short term because valuations there have risen steeply. Tesco's other foreign foray - into central Europe, where it has invested in the Czech Republic, Slovakia. Poland and Hungary has met with more success.



Rand Araskog is not expected to use the aggressive tactic of bidding for Hilton Hotels

BAe to push Eurofighter as Saudi custom is lost

By OLIVER AUGUST

five main competitors.

for a new combat jet. The UAE, which host the Abu

Dhabi air show, "down-select-

ed" to two planes, the French

Rafale and the F-15, built by

McDonnell Douglas. Both

BRITISH AEROSPACE is to make a strong marketing push for the Eurofighter in the push for the Eurofighter in the Middle East after suffering a hia, a main export target for bia, a main expan, mage the all-purpose jet, decided to purchase 100 American F-los in a \$30 billion deal.

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The main focus of the marbhabi air show next month. keting drive will be the Abu BAe, which is building the Eurofighter in a consortium with three European partners, will lobby Arab leaders to buy the Eurofighter because of its superior performance and in spite of its higher price compared with the F-16.

However, the push will be too late to persuade Prince Sultan, the Saudi Defence Minister, who will sign the F-16 deal in Washington this month. The US Government will place an order with Lock-:

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heed Martin on behalf of the planes feature on BAe's list of

Eurolighter competitors.
The F-16, one of the most Saudis and sell the aircraft on Military experts say that the Eurofighter and the F-16 are not admired fighter jets, has been sold to Bahrain, Egypt, Israel directly comparable. The 20year-old F-16 is a daytime interand Turkey, but never before ceptor, while the Eurofighter is to Saudi Arabia. The US air ars all-purpose jet. However, BAe marketing literature lists force used the aircraft in the Gulf War, while the Saudis the F-16 as one of Eurofighter's flew BAe-built Tornado F-3s.

The Saudis are known to be Saudi Arabia has always disappointed with the F-3, which was hardly used in the war. Industry insiders say this been identified as the best Eurofighter export market. About 10,000 UK jobs depend is one reason why the Saudis on the Eurolighter production. BAe suffered another sethave bought American, rather than British. Critics allege that back along with the Saudi F-16 the F-3 had wrongly wired move, when the United Arab missile systems and developed Emirates excluded the Eurocracks on the fuselage. fighter from its selection list

An industry insider said the Saudis' F-16 deal may mark a strategic change. Rather than buy a few very sophisticated aircraft, such as the Eurofighter. the Saudis may have opted for "quantity over quality".

Small firms outdo big businesses

SMALL firms are outperforming larger ones in terms of orders and jobs — but the stronger pound is hitting small business exports too (Philip Bassett writes).

In its latest small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) trends report, the CBI says that over the past four months, SMEs have enjoyed their highest increase in orders for a year - though at a net balance of 9 per cent of companies reporting higher orders, the figure is less than half the expected level indicated by the survey.

But employment growth is increasing in SMEs, the sur-vey shows, with a higher than expected total of 7 per cent recording a rise in employment. Output is also still increasing, though at a net balance of 11 per cent of companies registering a rise, it is going up at a lower rate than was expected.

ITT may sell assets to fight off Hilton

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE board of ITT, the hotel and gambling group, will consider selling more than \$3 billion of assets when it meets iomorrow to agree on a strategy to fight off a \$10.4 billion bid by Hilton Hotels. The assets include a stake in Madison Square Garden, two sports teams, cable and television networks.

Hilton has said that it would sell the assets to concentrate on the core hotel and gambling operations of ITT. These include the Sheraton chain of hotels and Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Many analysts believe that Rand Araskog, ITT's chairman, will pre-empt Hilton's plan as part of his defence against the bid, rather than using the aggressive tactic of bidding for Hilton. The sales would virtually eliminate

ITT's debt. ITT's 50 per cent stake in MSG is worth between \$600

million and \$1 billion. It includes the Knicks, a basketball team, and the Rangers ice hockey team, both based there. ITT and Cablevision, its partner, paid \$1.08 billion for MSG two years ago. Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, is believed to be one potential buyer who would like to have MSG to aid sports coverage on the Fox

television channel. Other assets that may be put on the block include WBIS, a sports television channel jointly owned with Dow Jones and worth about \$100 million. ITT also has a 5 per cent stake in Alcatel Alsthom, the French telephone company, worth around \$750 million, Educational Services, worth \$570 million, and World Directories, a global yellow pages with a value of about \$1 billion.

Star players in the frame

TONY FRAHER is treating Singer & Friedlander to a series of football paintings. After the launch of the merchant bank's Football Fund, the soccer-loving chief executive of S&F Investment Funds plans to splash out £7,500 on a set of six watercolours. Entitled Italia 90, the gaudy collection of airbrush paintings was originally commissioned by Kellogg for the 1990 Football World Cup. Norman Mackenzie, a Scottish artist, won the International Advertising Association Award for the set, featuring star players from six European teams. "Being Irish I have a free choice of which team hangs in my office," says Fraher.

Shuttle business PETER BIRCH, the energetic chief executive of Ab-bey National, had amply demonstrated his personal commitment to Scotland even before he fired his first salvo at Scottish Amicable. Since the Abbey acquired Scottish Mutual in 1992 he has attended 53 of a possible 55 board meetings. "I've kept that shuttle service in

Family footsteps

ANDREW COOK, the selfconfessed autocrat who is trying to thwart Triplex Lloyd's bid for William Cook, is merely following old family values in his style of running the group. One senior City investment manager, responsible as a youngster for a substantial investment in the company. recalls a routine visit to Cook's father and predecessor as chairman Andrew McTurk Cook, Cook senior introduced two forbidding figures either side of him as his lawyers, before asking the City slickers what they wished to say.

Thin cat

CEDRIC BROWN is back in business. The scapegoated former British Gas chief executive has agreed to chair IntelliHome, a twovear-old small but ambitious Edinburgh company that has devised a home energy automation system that claims to save up to 40 per cent on bills. Jack McLaughlin, who joined Charles McGillivray-Davidson, an infotech expert, to set

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up the company, impressed Brown so much that the man who became the epitome of the fat cat is giving his services free.

Bye to Bambi

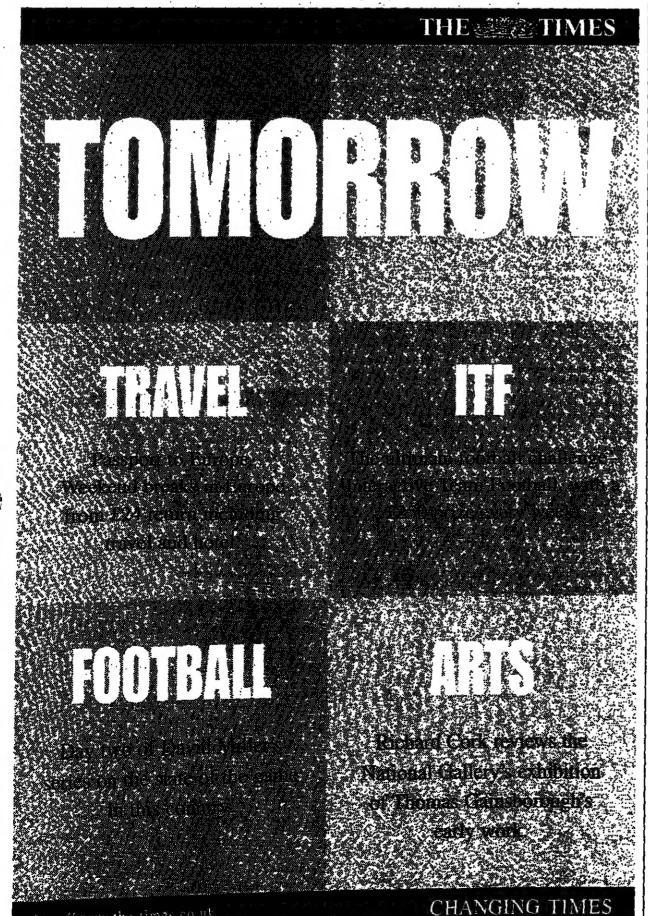
VENISON will be off the menu from today at Gladwins, the Minster Court restaurant recently voted the City's favourite by Square Meal guides - replaced by lamb. The decision by patron-chef Peter Gladwin comes after manager Paul Weaver's encounter with a City Corporation deer in Epping Forest, Weaver swerved to avoid the beast and wrote off his rather modest Ford.

Touché

RIGHT-THINKING economists' suspicions over the loyalty of the self-consciousalternative, co-operative Cambridge Political Economy Society have been confirmed by news that publica-tion of Cambridge Journal of Economics, their organ, has been taken over by Oxford University Press. Thereby Oxford marginally redresses a greater griev-ance. The Economic Journal, Britain's pre-eminent bible for economics academics, is formally run by the Royal Economic Society, but has always been controlled by Cambridge, to the chagrin of lesser seats of the dismal science.

FINDING a benefactor for the new money gallery at the British Museum hasn't been easy. Bearing in mind HSBC's E1.7 million donation to fund the gallery for its first five years, director Robert Anderson ought to have taken more time before he divulged the contents of his wallet, "All I have is a boring Barclaycard." he sighed.

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Desmond plans City airport hotel

DERMOT DESMOND, the Irish investor, is considering plans for a 200-bed, four-star horel at London City airport in east London. Partners are being sought for the complex, which would extend over the passenger drop-off zone to join with the airport terminal.

The project is part of the up-grading of London City, which has struggled for recognition since it opened ten years ago. Mr Desmond, who bought the airport from John Mowlem for £23.5 million in October 1995. has approved a wide-ranging refurbishment, including a new look for the terminal, and improved facilities

Mr Desmond led the consortium that recently bought Sandy Lane in Barbados from



Desmond: upgrading

Docklands, and follows the announcement of a much larger scheme at Canary Wharf.

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Granada for £38 million. His latest hotel project promises a amenity-starved

ean property and leisure tycoon, has joined with the Canary Wharf consortium to create a £300 million hotel, leisure, and residential development on an 11-acre site. Richard Gooding, the airport's managing director, said

there had been clear demand for such a hotel from business travellers. He said: "A lot of people like to use the facility of a hotel, if even for a few hours. We are looking at something with a lot of meeting rooms and short-term offices. It would be integrated into the terminal so that you could just check out of your hotel and check in for your flight, all in the same transaction."

Mr Gooding said joining with a partner was crucial to the success of the hotel project.

would be madness, because we don't know enough about that business.

London City handled nearly 730,000 passengers in 1996, and is expected to see the figure pass a million this year. Some 13 airlines currently serve 20 European destinations, including Frankfurt. Stockholm and Paris.

The hotel project is one of a raft of developments taking shape at the Royal Docks in east London. Norton Healthcare, the US pharmaceuticals group, is building its European headquarters nearby, and there are plans to create London's biggest exhibition and conference centre. Deloitte & Touche is assessing the feasibility of a £90 million national aquarium.

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Brussels will fire its latest broadside against Britain to-day from a windowless room on the fourth floor of a dull office block in central London.

Peter Robinson, an academic at the Centre for Economic Perfor-mance at the London School of Economics, will outline to policymakers the findings of a new study by the European Commission on the politically contentious issue of Britain's jobs performance.

How accurate is the Commis-sion's description of the UK labour market, given Conservative suspi-cions that the Commission has an agenda on jobs that runs counter to the labour market deregulation pursued by the Government since it was first elected in 1979?

The report is one of a series of studies which Brussels has commissioned on the labour markets of all its member states. Using independent academics who, like Dr Robinson, have a proven track record in labour market analysis in their own country, the Commission's employment and social affairs directorate will deploy the 15 individual country studies to build up a detailed portrayal of the labour market across Europe as a whole.

The study, first disclosed in The

urope's great single

currency project was

billed as a topic of

key importance at

the Davos meeting of the

World Economic Forum in

Switzerland. It turned out to

be a sideshow, and a some-

what risible one at that. The

leading members of Europe's

political and economic elite

look increasingly isolated in a

world economy that is ram-

pantly competitive, dominated by the private sector and

totally committed to the raw

the European Commission,

was introduced by the Forum

with some fanfare as Mr

Europe. Like many a col-

league at the centre of current

continental European politics. he was notable for his lack of

self doubt. He said that the

single currency is a fact of life,

its credibility now established,

the process of monetary union

irreversible. He claimed that

the euro would become an

alternative reserve currency to

the dollar. He boasted that

monetary union would confer

on Europe its proper status as

a global superpower. "I am not Pangloss," he said. "I am

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dynamism of the market. lacques Santer, President of

job patterns, institutions, governing legislation, overall policies and related issues, including education and the tax and benefits system. Among its principal findings are:

Ditain can sustain even lower unemployment. The Commission says that the sharp rise in employment in the UK since 1993 is a product of supply-side reforms and macroeconomic policy. It suggests, as a "reasonably optimistic" assess-ment, that a continuation of such policy will see "unemployment in the UK fall on a sustainable basis to around 5 per cent to 6 per cent of the workforce" — half the 1993 rate, making Britain likely to be the only member state to achieve this European Union target

At the same time, the Commission argues that the fall in unemployment is not particularly the result of greater labour market flexibility. However, it does attribute the better jobs record to changing employer attitudes in that employers no

their labour, but get rid of employees quickly when they need to, and then hire people more quickly when

a recovery arrives.

The Commission largely dismisses the value of flexibility — firstly, as an idea that is so imprecise as to be

ment trends have not accelerated in reality, and there is little evidence to sustain the idea of a significant decline in permanent employment. EU directives in particular have meant that there has been no overall shift to greater deregulation in terms of individual employment rights.

clear "unambiguous" trend in the UK's jobs market, with the decline

would be dangerous for Britain. It does concede, however, that the European working time directive would have a "disproportionate" effect in Britain because Britain has

minimum wage provisions scrapped by the Conservatives were associated with increases in unemployment. "If anything", it argues that "there was a positive relationship between employment and mini-

cludes, controversially, that there is a "good case for cautiously reversing some of the changes with respect to employment protection legislation and minimum wage regulation, given the evidence that the regimes which existed in 1979 had no. significant adverse impact on employment.

Government ministers will regard this as a direct attack on the heart of the Conservatives' achievement. since the Government's step-by-step employment law changes are widely seen by Conservatives as their mostsignificant success.

The Commission will argue today that its analysis of jobs and the labour market in Britain since 1979 is a fair and accurate reflection of the employment changes and picture in the United Kingdom now. It is illustrative of how sensitive the jobs issue is in the run-up to the election that such an analysis will be politically controversial.

But as the election draws closer, and Britain's economic performance moves to the centre of the electoral stage - particularly when mused with the heady combination of Brussels and the European Union the Commission's study will be a political football that both parties will wish to put into play.

An ideal show for early risers

The Breakfast Programme. Radio 5 Live, 6.00am.

I doubt that many readers will have rushed to this space in time to hear this show from the start, but never mind, it is on the air five days a week and from today it ends at 9.00am rather than 8.30. The other a week and from today it ends at 9.00am rather than 8.30. The other two breakfast shows on BBC network radio tend to attract most attention. Today on Radio 4 because it generates political controversy and The Breakfast Show on Radio 1 because of that chap whose name 1 have mercifully forgotten already. But Radio 5's version, presented by Jane Garvey and Peter Allen, deserves attention: it is snappy, reacts fast to breaking news and carries interesting features, this week on American crime combatting techniques. Give it a try.

The Late Book: Zoo. Radio 4, 12 30am.

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Choosing novels for this slot is not easy. In general the brief is to be more adult and challenging itian in the earlier Book at Bedtime, but to be challenging at gone midnight implies an audience which is either insomniac or working an undernanding night shift. Zoo, written and read by the 25-year-old Tobias Hill, needs concentration early on, but the writing has a mesmeric quality that rewards effort. The story is about Anja, a Finnish girl working at London Zoo, a strange animal called a liger, its death and the disappearance of the carcass. But the appeal is in Hill's descriptive writing as much as the story, he is particularly adept at conveying sounds and stuels and there is a thread of mystery which holds the attention. Peter Barnard

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private-eye Roste Monaghan,
in the first of two stories written by Alan McDonald. With Helen Roberts and Cominic Grounsell 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, Heler Beckingham continues her

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A study that pierces the heart of Tory posturing over jobs

almost without meaning; and secondly, in practice, since it says that the UK already had a less regulated labour market than most European countries when the Conservatives came to power in 1979, and that "it is by no means obvious" that all policy since then has been in the direction of deregulation and greater flexibility.

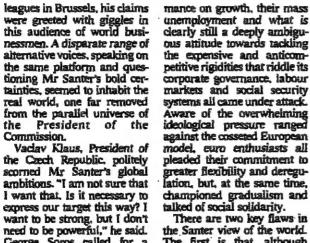
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in uniordisation in Britain probably accounting for about a lifth of the wider distribution of wage rates. ☐ Unsurprisingly, the Commission. is sceptical about the Government's claim that the EU social chapter

the highest average working hours in the EU and significant unpaid □ The Commission does not back Labour's plan for a national minimum wage, but says that there is "no evidence" that the rag-bag of

Confidence can't hide cracks in

Santer's window on the world Discord will ensue if people are tricked into donning the straitjacket of a single currency, says Janet Bush



There are two key flaws in the Santer view of the world. George Soros called for a Congress of Europe to re-The first is that, although traditional arguments about engage the Continent's popureinforcing the single market lations in a project that he said are still aired, the single was increasingly losing their currency is not, primarily, interest and intensifying a feeling of insecurity and fear. seen as a good in itself. Rather. it is seen as a voluntary Even Britain's own Chancellor into structural change. Only of the Exchequer, seen at home as a stubbornly committed by having monetary and fiscal European, reserved some dispolicy, the two great arms of dain for his continental colleagues' reliance on the single behind its back, will Europe currency as a panacea for undertake the painful transition to true competitiveness. The scepticism about the The chill winds of global euro project on parade in competition are not enough in themselves, it seems, to force

Davos owes much to Europe's palpable economic difficulties. EU members' underperforgovernments to act. This dishonesty pr more social discord. People are being asked to accept a big cut in their living standards Good-bye battery and financial security, but their political leaders are not explaining the sacrifice in terms of surviving in the global jungle. Instead, they are allowing all the blame to be pinned on the single currency. No wonder that the project

> of collective popular will. The other great failing of the single currency project is that it is motivated by politics not economics, a fact which has long aroused suspicion in Britain. In Brussels, en route to Davos, senior Eurocrats accused British Eurosceptics of lack of courage and an outdated obsession with nation state sovereignty. They ascribed the lack of euro fever in Britain to "hatred" towards Europe, refusing to admit that there is room for doubt that the single currency might

does not have the momentum

One senior official acknowledged that the attempt to unite the currencies of 15 disparate and independent economies



Jacques Santer says the single currency is a fact of life and monetary union irreversible

one said quite simply, "is the

stand in all of this? In private,

after a decade of radical

structural reform, Britain was

the quiet toast of businessmen

in Davos. They duly noted that

Britain has achieved five years

of solid, non-inflationary re-

covery accompanied by sharp

falls in unemployment. The

contrast with Europe's eco-

nomic anaemia and lengthen-

ing dole queues was acknowl-

edged. But Britain was given

no public credit by European politicians and central

Jean-Luc Dehaene, Bel-

gium's Prime Minister, ac-

cused Britain of making the

same mistakes over and over

again. "Britain didn't want to

join the Common Market, but

then changed its mind after a

few years. I think monetary

union will be exactly the

ain's decision on whether to join the euro bloc would mform his company's inward

investment decisions were

greeted with considerable

In Brussels, officials threatened retaliation for Britain's

stubborn insistence on its

right to "wait and see". If

Britain did not, at some stage,

indicate its desire to join the

single currency, it would gradually be shut out. The shape of

Europe's institutions would be

determined without its input.

Protectionism would inevita-

bly be a temptation and it

would, the clear warning was

The true mark of the increasing defensiveness of Eu-

rope's euro architects is that

the vision of a powerful, world-beating single market can so easily and cynically be

turned into a weapon against

made, be justified.

Last week's warnings from the head of Toyota that Brit-

same." he said.

that nobody knew whether it would be a success, but that it was, in any case. Europe's destiny to plunge into the unknown. It had better bloody well work," he said.

Any nagging doubts are being kept strictly hidden as Europe's leaders devote themselves to the overriding political imperative of meeting the Maastricht treaty timetable and getting the project under-Davos, Theo Waigel, Germany's Finance Minister, spoke with theological certainty. "I have a saying which is as true as anything written in the Bible," he said. "The convergence criteria rule the timetable.

Central bankers admitted no earthly doubts about the risks of political pressure as Europe struggles with ever-rising unemployment. Horst Siebert, president of the Kiel

Institute of World Economics in Germany, suggested that "another 800,000 on the unemployment register might be the wings of the butterfly which starts the avalanche" of political and social revolt against monetary union. He suggested that this "noble project" could not succeed when there was no consensus on what constitutes the essence of an independent central bank.

Germany, dominated by the memories of the hyperinflation of the 1930s and 50 years of Bundesbank-inspired stability since, wanted true independence for the European Central Bank, France, Herr Siebert contended, has a dramatically different understanding of such things. It still sees monetary matters as political. The fine array of European central banking talent gathered in Davos brooked no such doubts, "Independence,"



had never been tried before,

Theo Waigel says the convergence criteria agreed at Maastricht can be taken as gospel

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preposterous, couldn't possibly happen. But it has, With the pain and Rhodes still fresh in the mind, here we went again. Young man, full of youthful zeal, travels to farflung place to make fortune from mining. Cue big holes in the ground, thousands of extras and, of course, lots and lots of mud. Nostromo (BBC2, Saturday) was

ander way.

As we quickly settled into the familiar round of high-level confidence of the settled into the s Tuption and illicit arms sales, there appeared to be only two significant differences. Where Rhodes made his fortune from diamonds, Charles Gould (Colin Firth) was mining silver. And where Rhodes lusted quietly after pretty young men, Gould had taken his beautiful new wife along. Serena Scott-Thomas duly ran around the silver

under way, it was generally as-sumed that the BBC had another disaster on its hands. The book was out of fashion, filming it had cost a small silver mine and

Saturday night on BBC2 was not exactly prime time. But, from the moment the least convincing liner since Raise the Titanic anchored off the coast of Costaguana, it was clear that what the BBC actually had on its hands was half a disaster. You could tell that because only half the cast were familiar and the other half were afflicted with that dread Costaguaran disease whereby the lips of the mouth never quite match the words coming out of it. Yes, folks, it's European co-production time again.
The bad news for Colin Firth's

proud and prejudiced army of

dola por that job) but the uncharis-matic Gould. Unless clipped beards and crumpled linen are really your thing. I don't think Nostromo is going to be for you.

Tont Thomas is suitably en-Schanting as Emilia, al-though by the second half of the opening episode her part was already in danger of being swamped by wave after wave of bewildering subplots. Among those smitten in good time, however, was Albert Finney's Doctor Monygham, a strange but not unlikeable cross between Cassandra and Zorba the Greek "You'll alllive to regret it," he wailed between drinks. I think he's probably right. To have one adaptation of a

deeply unfashionable novel in

your winter schedule might be a misfortune, but, of course, the BBC

Matthew Bond

has two. Ivanhoe (BBC1), the dramatisation so popular that it has to have old Morecambe & Wise shows on ahead of it, is vill going strong. Crash, crash, bash it went again last night.

During an earlier episode (crash, crash, bash it went), I re-member musing whether Walter Scort's novel would ever have won acclaim had it been called Wilfred.
Now, I wonder Deborah Cook

would put poor Steven Waddington out of his misery.
As Ivanhoe, Waddington contin-

ues to have a perfectly wretched time - terrible hair, inte dialogue and a confusing resemblance to the actor playing Robin Hood. Ciaran Hinds, on the other hand, gets better and better as the evil but far more interesting Sir Brian de Bois-Guilbert. "Submit to me and you will fly like a bird," he promised Rebecca (Susan Lynch). And for more than a moment, she looked tempted.

Last night, the crash, crash, bash centred on Torquilstone, seat . of the barking mad From de Boeuf (played with gusto by Nick Brimble). In long shot the castle looked to be made out of the same stuff as the liner in Nostromo, but once the battering-ram burst

(courtesy of a fool called Wamba): Athelstane and Front de Boeuf were dead, and somebody called Ulrika had been declared "a beautiful and virtuous Saxon maid" confirming Cook's fondness for linering her script with easy laughs. "He's done this before," muttered a rather camp, merry man, as King Richard urged them into battle. So has she.

The Ruth Rendell Mysteries (ITV) to date or was the pick of this horribly uneven series for two thirds of its allotted time. After that, it all got a bit vague and inconclusive. Had Mirabel (Beth Goddard) murdered Aunt Julie (Barbara Jefford) with the poison in the drawing room? Or hadn't she? We were left

through the gates it proved the to make up our own minds, which was far too grown-up a conclusion for that time of night. Still, the acting, particularly from Goddard and her young co-star Freddie Findlay, was good and Rendall had spun one of her more convincing tales.

But for those in search of real horror there was only one place to go this weekend: An Audience with ... Bruce Forsyth (ITV, Saturday). The patter was fine nobody works an audience as well as Forsyth, particularly a celebrity crowd packed with friendly stooges such as Jimmy Tarbuck and Kenny Lynch. The dancing is still great, as a genuinely funny tap dance sequence with Ian Wright, the footballer, and Manthew Pinsent, the rower, showed. But the singing? It is quite, quite terrible. Sorry Bruce, but somebody's got to tell you. It's always nice to see you, but hearing you was quite another matter.

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1.40 Neighbours (T) (20242390) 2.05 FILM: Trouble in Paradise (1968) Raquel Welch stars as a diplomat's widow who sets sail for America, only to be shipwecked on a tropical island with Australian seaman Jack Thompson. Directed by Di Drew (2372654)

3,30 Playdays (1051680) 3,50 Pingu (2176241) 3,55 Bodger and Bad ger (7855845) 4,10 Gadget Boy (9155154) 4,35 Racord Breakers Gold (6656046) 5.00 Newsround (T) (7513115) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (1896390)

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₹ 7,30 Watchdog: Face Value An investigation into the chemicals that lipstick, mascata and blusher contain (T) (32) 8.00 Eastenders Kathy gives wayward husband Phil an ultimatum (T) (8574).

.30 The Brittan Empire The stati compete for the coveted title of employee of the month (17) (7609) 9.00 News (T) and weather (9651)

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You're Alone (9899655) 1.40 News
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Travolts; Fly Away Home, with Jeff
Daniels and Arma Paquin (977319)
12.05am Fallen Angets Thriller adapted from a
Raymond Chandler short story directed
by Tom Harriss, A hotel detective consoles a distraught girl awaiting the return of her lover from prison, and discovers the Mob are planning a welcome of their own (1879636) 12.35 FILM: He Knows You're Alone (1990)

Tense thriller, with Don Scarding and Ceitlin O'Heaney, A woman with second thoughts about her impending marriage lears she is being stalked. Directed by Armand Mastrolanni (7781094)

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Adem Hert-Davis in Wales (8.00pm)

8.00 Cycling scientist Adam Hart-Davis puts Thomas Tellord's scientific Local Heroes While In Wales principles to rebuild a road into practice. He also finds out more about the bone-setters of Anglessy; Robert Records, who invented the equals sign; and in Merthyr Tydfil Hart-Davis celebrates the running of the first railway locomotive invented by Richard Travithick (T) (6116)

8.30 University Challenge (7) Glasgow University meet Herris Manchester College, Oxford for a place in the second round (T) (8951)

9.00 FILM: My Name is Kate (1983) with Donne Mills. A successful career women seems to have everything, but she is an alcoholic and it threatens to ruin her life. At a drying-out clinic the shock she experiences at not having alcohol and help from a younger room-mate forces her to confrom the demons that haunt her. Directed by Rod Hardy (T) (8932)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (T) (175609) 11.15 Snooker: The Mesters (400067) 11.55 Weather (930048)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (89568) 12.30am Learning Zone: Stand by Your Barmeri 1.00 Toulouse: Money and Power in Provincial France (30365) 1.30 The Church of Santa Maria Dei Miracoli (79742) 2.00 Square Orie (23723) 4.00 Italia 2000 (82891) 4.30 Science Master Classes (84278) 5.30-5,59 RCN Nursing

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RBC2, 8.00pm For his latest bunch of scientists and inventors Adam Hart-Davis takes his bike to Wales and celebrates a very big name indeed, Thomas Telford, But surely Telford

indeed. Thomas Tellord. But surely Tellord was a Scot? Well, yes, though Hart-Davis is able to convince us that Wales, as much as anywhere, contains the Telford legacy of roads, bridges and canals. Ever the doer as well as the talker, Hart-Davis recruits some local chughs and demonstrates how Telford turned a bog into a smooth and attractive road. Richard Trevithick; another Hart-Davis idol, was no Welshman either but makes the show on account of running the makes the show on account of running the first railway locomotive at Merthyr Tydfil. Lesser-known, but no less relishable figures, fill another very enjoyable programme. Among them are a man who claimed to have invented the mobile telephone, but whether

> Classic Trains: Express! Channel 4, 8.30pm

With the penultimate film of the series we at that reach the pinnacie of railway glamour, the battle between the inter-war expresses to break the world speed record for steam. When Eurostar rounnely reaches 180mph (in France, of course) the achievements of Silver Jubiles. Coronation and Maillard may seen modest. But reaching 125mph was heady stuff at the time and well worth recalling, as it is here in stirring archive footage and the memories of some of the men who were on the footplate. Besides, those wonderful streamlined locos make the Eurostar engines look like workhorses. But it is surprising to learn that the spaceship look of the 1930s designs had so little aerodynamic value.

he is a hero may be a matter of opinion.

Cutting Edge: Identical Twins Channel 4, 9.00pm

Rebecca Frayn's documentary has the deceptively simple approach of getting six pairs of identical twins to talk about their lives and, in particular, their relationships with each other. In the case of the first set, there is more gurgle than talk, since Amber and Ruby are only two years old. It is the adults who give the film its force and its poignancy. There is one happy story, of a man reunited with his twin brother after a gap of 51 years. Mary and Liz demonstrate that it is possible to be identical twins and yet unterly unalike in personality, interests and unerry unanke in personality, interests and sexual orientation. Elsewhere we hear of the acute sense of loss which afflicts the twin who loses his or her sibling. It can happen through marriage but much more profoundly through bereavement. When John lost his twin brother, he says, it was like witnessing his own death.

Ruby Wax Meets ... Pamela Anderson BBC1, 10.10pm

In case you were wondering, Ruby Wax explains her second encounter with Pamela Anderson in terms of viewing figures. Last time Anderson helped to boost Wax's ratings to nine million and you do not throw away audiences like that. Wax's producer ungallantly reminds her (and us) that Anderson's television audience, spread over 80 countries, is 142 million. But never mind, when it comes to the wisecracks Wax has Pam trailing. The real reason for going back to Anderson is that she makes Wax look brilliant. Even the Duchess of York fared better under the Wax treatment than Anderson, who flounders without a script. And you have to concede that Wax perpetrates some good gags. One is feeding Anderson large mouthfuls of chocolate to ruin that extraordinary figure. Another has to do with sex, but is best left unspecified.

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7,00 Wish You Were Here? Links Jonason learns the art of pizza-making on a trip to Capn, in the Bay of Naples, while Judith Chalmers visits Brighton and John Center ventures into the stark volcanic landscape of the Comoros islands in the Indian Ocean (T) (7222)

7,30 Coronation Street Deirdie is shocked by the events at No 1 (T) (28)

8.00 World in Action Looks into how Scotland Yard tried to use informers to crack the secrets of the notorious Jamaican Yardie gangs (1) (6970)



Paramedic Dave Skinner (8.30pm)

with Dave Skinner, of Derbyshire Ambulance Service's motorbike paramedic unit (1) (2777)

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9.00 CHOICE Cutting Edge: Identical Twins Examining the lives of sk sets of identical twins (T) (2241) 10.00 Dark Skies 1960s-set sci-fi series. John and Kimberly uncover a plot to provoke

mass suicides during the Beatles' American television debut (T) (2628) 11.00 Jamaican ER The hospital's new chief executive tries to stretch his resource (3/4) (1) (4116)

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Brussels claims Tory policy on jobs fuelled inequality

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRUSSELS has made a sharp attack on the Government's jobs

policy, recommending that Britain should reverse key aspects of Conservative employment legislation.

A European Commission report on jobs in Britain, published today, finds that unemployment is likely to fall to a sustainable level of 5 per cent by 2000, implying a further cut

from just under 1.9 million to 1.4

million. This would make the UK

the target, set by Jacques Delors in 1993, to halve unemployment by the end of the century. The report's analysis contends.

however, that this outcome had little to do with government policy. It rejects central aspects of the Conservatives' employment record and policies, and says they have led to much greater inequality.

The Commission's report, pre-pared for Brussels by British aca-demics, says that the jobs market in the UK is "out of line" with other EU countries, and criticises Britain's "hostility" to EU directives on

ment. In particular, the Commission says there is a "good case" for "cautiously reversing" some of the Government's employment legislation on job protection and minimum wages — advice that Conservatives will see as Brussels endorsing key

aspects of Labour's programme.

It also says there is "no evidence" that minimum wage rates hit jobs if anything, minimum wages lead to increases in employment. In addition, the EU's social chapter strongly opposed by the Govern-ment but which Labour would sign

up to — is "likely to have little effect" on the UK labour market.

The report adds that recent unemment falls are not much to do with labour market flexibility promoted by the Government, but to do with changed views among employers about the economy.

Whitehall submitted 20 pages of detailed amendments to the report's UK author, Peter Robinson, of the Centre of Economic Performance at the London School of Economics. The Government admitted yester-day that it was "aware" of the report, but had not seen the final

welcomed the study's conclusion that unemployment would continue to fall, the Department of Education and Employment said it was "surprised" that the study did not conclude that the change in unemployment was due in part due to

Government policies. It rejected the report's findings on the social chapter and the minimum wage, arguing that the range of employment available in the UK owed much to lack of such labour market regulations. It accepted that

ings had been concentrated in the middle of the earnings span, but

much of the increase in real earn-

said real earnings had risen for all. Labour seized on the Commission's findings as an endorsement of its own employment policies. Siephen Byers, spokesman on Euro-pean job issues, said: This explodes the myth that the provision of minimum standards in the workplace through things like the social chapter and the minimum wage will have an adverse effect on the level of

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Abbey moves to outflank ScotAm rivals

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

ABBEY NATIONAL has raised the stakes in the battle for Scottish Amicable by indicating it could increase

its offer beyond an average E400 per policyholder. Its aggressive move is an attempt to rout other cash-rich predators who emerged as rivals yesterday: Prudential, Fortis of Holland, NatWest Bank and Australian Mutual Provident Society (AMP).

Scottish Amicable's future as an independent company is effectively over as the five line up to table bids thought to value the mutual life insurer at up to £2 billion.

Abbey indicated yesterday that the E400 million goodwill payment it was offering Scot-tish Amicable policyholders in the form of cash or shares was "a minimum". By contrast, ment has stuck by its original offer of an average E70 per policyholder when the insurer sheds its mutual status in May, plus an undisclosed sum on flotation in three to five years' time.

The other potential bidders have each made an initial approach to Scottish Amicable but, like Abbey, have been rebuffed. The Prudential is

believed to have approached Scottish Amicable before the mutual announced its plans to float and is thought to have made a second offer of £1.5 billion. Both Prudential and NatWest have made no secret of their desire to acquire a UK

mutual insurer. Last year NatWest was narrowly beaten by the Halifax Building Society in the bid-ding for Clerical & Medical, another prominent mutual life insurer. AMP, which owns Pearl, the UK life insurer, is interested in boosting its UK presence. Fortis is known to be looking for a UK life business and has just begun a cam-paign to raise its profile in this

Scottish Amicable's board insisted yesterday that no predator was capable of makseen the financial information being mailed to policyholders in a week's time. Though the circular will make reference to Abbey's bid, it will recommend policyholders to vote in favour of Scottish Amicable's own proposals at a special general meeting on March 15.

Abbey's current offer values Scottish Amicable at between E700 million and EI.1 billion

and promises to pay a further £400 million goodwill to policyholders in cash or shares. Jane Ageros, Abbey's corporate affairs director, said: "We have had no futher contact

with the board of Scottish Amicable since last Thursday. but surely the directors should stop the clock and let the best offer win. That has to be better policyholders. We have said this was a minimum offer so raising it is a possibility but not before we have seen more financial information ...

A spokesman for Scottish Amicable said: "There is no upper limit on the bonuses that policies might be credited with on flotation — it all depends on performance." He also said that none of the approaches from predators

The spokesman went on: The circular will spell out the case for accepting our terms. However, if after we have sent out the document the board receives an offer which knocks the spots off our original offer, then we will put it to policyholders. At present there is no offer for £2 billion on the table. There is no real offer on the

Abbey's approach bears all the hallmarks of its successful hostile bid for the National & Provincial Building Society in 1995. N&P was close to a secret deal with Nationwide when



Graham Wailace, of Cable and Wireless Communications, left, with Dick Brown, the new chief executive of C&W

C&W to abandon German alliance

THE centrepiece of Cable and Wireless's European strategy is set for upheaval.

The company has told its partners that it wants to abandon its German alliance, a move that seems to be the first step in overhauling C&W's international presence under Dick Brown, the new chief executive

C&W might attempt to join Global One, the telecoms alli-ance formed by Sprint, Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom, or even buy a stake in Sprint, after leaving its German alliance. Sprint, a former employer of Mr Brown, is America's third largest overseas carrier, behind AT&T and MCI.

C&W declined to comment, but said that no deal was imminent. The company has become increasingly concerned about the rising costs of competing with Deutsche Telekom, the dominant operator in all of Germany's telecoms markets.

C&W's efforts to withdraw from Vebacom, its partnership with Veba and RWE, the large German industrial groups, mark an about-face. in Octo-

ber, shortly after Mr Brown's arrival, C&W persuaded RWE to defect from Viag InterKom, British Telecom's rival alliance in Germany. RWE's arrival was considered a coup

for C&W. Veba and RWE were said to be furious that C&W, which has an effective 22.5 per cent stake in Vebacom, was looking for an exit route. Veba, for its part, could use C&W's desire to renege on the 1995 plan to make more aggressive use of its 10.5 per cent stake in C&W and its representation

on C&W's board. Rumours

that it now wants to sell this stake were behind the 13g fall. to 466p, of C&W shares on

The shares were also hit by the arrival of digital terrestrial broadcasting, a service that will compete with Cable and Wireless Communications, the cable TV group headed by Graham Wallace

Veba could launch a takeover bid for C&W, but it is unlikely to do so because a change in ownership would icopardise C&W operating licences in more than 50

demand genetic results

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE who have taken genetic tests are about to be hold they must declare the results to their insurance com-

pany when they apply for a new policy.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI), the trade body for almost 440 companies in the industry, has ruled out mandatory genetic tests for all, a custom already common in the United States. However, the ABI is about to issue guidelines insisting that insurers have a right to know the results of tests already taken.

The decision will cause a storm of protest among those insurance companies that have broken ranks and opposed the disclosure of genetic information.

These rebels, which include Standard Life, the mutual life insurer, believe insurers could use the results to refuse cover or make it prohibitively

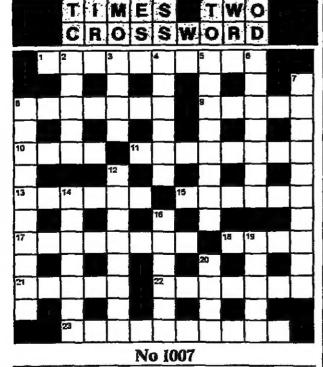
They argue this will deter from discovering whether they are likely to develop a condition which has a family link. They also believe it will create a class of uninsurable people and harm the image of an industry which is only just recovering from mis-selling pensions.

At present genetic tests are used to identify diseases that have a clear inherited cause, like cystic fibrosis, spina bifida and Huntington's chorea. of other conditions including diabetes, arthritis, heart dis ease, high blood pressure peptic ulcers, Alzheimer's and certain forms of cancer, in which the genetic element

plays a role. Tom King, a director of genetic tests are genuinely predictive. The results of a genetic test do not determine that you will die earlier, but they indicate that you have a predisposition. We believe family history is sufficient grounds to make a decision about a person's risk."

Standard Life has expressed concern that a punitive code could hinder medical research.

The industry has been under pressure to draw up a code since 1995, when MPs threatened insurers with statutory regulation unless progress was made.



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Clarke says euro is not EU's economic panacea

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR Mr Clarke said that Eu-

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, warned his Eurorope's status at the forefront of the world economy was at risk. Governments had to be pean partners not to look to the single currency as the solution to all their economic problems. serious about promoting com-petitiveness and tackling un-employment, which was far Speaking at the World Economic Forum at the weekend. he emphasised the pressing need for European governments to pursue structural economic reform, particularly measures to make their labour

markets more flexible. He said that Britain had already undertaken a radical programme of reform, but that it had taken many years for the economy to feel the benefits. He said: "It has taken at least ten years to make the difference and that was without much The Chancellor said: "It is a

mistake to think that eliminating exchange-rate uncertainties will solve all the problems of the single market." He said that he wanted to see a Europe which is deregulated, with low taxes and interest rates, and which "leaves the market economy to get on with it".



JANET BUSH

surveys the background

to this week's interest

rates meetings in

America and Britain

too high. The problems facing European economies were highlighted by many of the speakers at the Davos forum. Horst Siebert, president of Germany's Kiel Institute of World Economics, said that The Netherlands, Sweden and Britain had all responded to the need to adjust from rigid labour markets and unsus-tainable social security systerns, but the two central EMU economies, France and Germany, seemed "incapable of moving". He said: "The world has changed, but Europe wants to hang on to the status quo."

Fred Bergsten, director of the US Institute for International Economics, accused European governments of artificially weakening their currencies in the run-up to monetary union and called on the Group of Seven industrialised nations, which meets in Berlin next weekend, to counter this trend.

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Database upgrade for Customs

By Fraser Nelson

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE has signed deals with five computsuper-network the Customs er specialists to help to modernhopes to create. ise its archive system and create a comprehensive database to counter smuggling. Anite Systems, GMG, Pari-

ty Solutions, Computer People

and Task Force will supply

extra staff to computerise the

department's reams of VAT

data at a total cost of £14

million. They will also provide

The agreement hands key parts of strategy to the external contractors while using in-house staff for the task of tackling the Year 2000 problem. Alan Paynter, director of information systems, said it would deploy 50 of its IT staff

to update old computer files.

Import and export records are

advice to help to develop the also being computerised. Four fifths of imports are still recorded on paper. Mr Paynter said that when

all data was computerised, Customs officials would be able to draw on it to follow up leads. "When it is complete, we will be able to see if there are certain patterns of beaviour which could help us areas which

BAA cuts stake in airport bid group

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

BAA has cut its stake in a consortium bidding for Australia's airports from 49 to 29 per cent because of fears that being a foreign company could jeopardise its chances. BAA will manage the airports

if the bid succeeds. The last-minute switch came as BAA, in concert with AMP and Axiom, the Australian fund managers, lodged bids for Melbourne, Brisbane, and Perth airports, which are being sold by the Australian

BAA said yesterday: "We've constantly been seen as a British bid and we needed to be seen as more Australian and more user-friendly. Obviously, we want to be as politically sensitive and as politically sound as possible. AMP has increased its stake from 40 to 49 per cent and Axiom, formerly New South Wales State Super, goes up

from 11 to 22 per cent. Nine groups have lodged bids for one or more of the airports. They include a consortium led by National Express, a group made up of Manchester Airport in cincert with Serco, the British facilities management group, and a group headed by Aer Rianta, the Irish airport opera-

expected to be announced within the next few weeks. Australia's remaining airports are set to be sold in batches over the next year, although Sydney Airport is unlikely to come up for sale until next the



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